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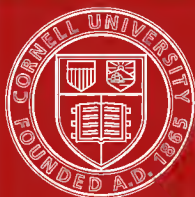
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A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL  
IN THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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# MEMOIRS OF JOHN S. STOKES.

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## CHAPTER I.

BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE—EARLY EXPERIENCES—VISIT IN CONCORD, CALN AND WESTERN QUARTERS—REMARKS ON THE SEPARATION OF 1827-8—VISIT IN ABINGTON AND BUCKS QUARTERS—VISIT TO OHIO YEARLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE SEPARATION IN THAT BODY IN 1854.

OUR late valued Friend, John S. Stokes, left behind him a number of sheets of MSS., containing a record of some of his religious labors and experiences. The first of these, without date, but evidently written in mature years, gives an account of his early life, and of the work of the Holy Spirit on his heart while young in years. It commences as follows:—

It has often rested upon my mind to leave some account of the tender mercies of the Lord toward me, from youth to the present time, notwithstanding my many transgressions of his Divine and holy law written upon my heart, for which, at times, I felt great condemnation. I desire that my dear children may be encouraged by the reading of these lines, to labor after righteousness, putting their whole trust and confidence in the Lord, for such as these He will not forsake, or leave in times of trial, as has often been my experience.

I was born Fourth Month 25th, 1808, at a place called Borton's Mill, in Burlington County, New Jersey, about six miles from Medford. My parents' names were Caleb and Ruth Stokes, consistent members of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting of the religious Society of Friends; they were concerned to bring their children up in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, frequently having them to read the Holy Scriptures; and were good examples in these respects themselves, and careful to attend all their meetings, taking us children with them, when we were quite young.

I think I was not more than four or five years of age, when I was first made sensible of Divine impressions. In meetings, my spirit was often tendered, and desires raised in my heart, that I might walk in the love and fear of the Lord, and if I lived, that I might be a good man. When under the influence of these feelings, I was very careful of my words and actions; but, alas, how prone we are to evil! for I would often, after retiring for the night, and looking over the events of the day, feel very uncomfortable for something I had either said or done; which caused me to go mourning on my way.

As I advanced in years, my exercise increased upon me, and at times I was brought very low before the Lord, insomuch that I oftentimes abhorred myself as in dust and ashes. When about sixteen years of age, I often sought quiet, retired places, where I would pour out my feelings before the Lord, in child-like simplicity, and thus feel my spiritual strength renewed for a season; and I endeavored to walk very circumspectly, but too soon would lose the influence of the spirit of Truth by not keeping my eye single to the Captain of my soul's salvation. My opportunities for school learning were very limited, so that I had but little education, but was fond of reading the Holy Scriptures

and Friends' writings, which I now believe has been of great service to me. About this time my parents manifested some anxiety about me, following at times when I sought secluded places. Once, after I had been engaged in my feeble petitions, when I left the place, I found my dear father had been very near me, I felt greatly confused, as I did not wish any one should know of my exercises; I kept out of my father's way as much as I could for some days, fearing he would say something to me in relation to the course I was pursuing; and though he did not, yet he kept a watchful care over me. Notwithstanding all my exercises and good resolutions, I was often beguiled into vanities and follies, which caused me much sorrow of heart, not that I committed any great sin, but my mind was drawn away from the love of God, which I was often favored to feel. Thus I passed along, day after day, making and breaking covenant with Him, who still remains to be a covenant-keeping God; causing much work for repentance. About the eighteenth year of my age we came to Philadelphia to reside, and I was placed as an apprentice to the plastering business, and much exposed to influences of an evil tendency; thrown among those who would ridicule religion, and all who made profession of it. This, with many other trials, made my way hard, and I was much discouraged and cast down. I kept pretty close to meetings on First-days, but was deprived of the privilege near the middle of the week, which I felt to be a great loss to me; but the more we neglect our religious meetings, the less interest I think we shall feel in them, and become almost, if not entirely, indifferent about them. This I fear was too much the case with me. But however far I may have wandered from my Heavenly Father's house, there was a living, secret desire in my heart that the Lord would, in his own time,

enable me to overcome all the evil propensities of my nature, and thus become an humble follower of a meek, crucified and risen Lord. But these feelings were too soon dissipated, causing much work for repentance. Such were my exercises, that I feared at times, I might commit some evil to myself. But my dear Lord and Master was very kind, and extended his love and mercy unto me, notwithstanding all my transgressions. I still continued to feel much love and a great attachment to the Society of which I was a member. But sometimes I gave way, by the influences of others, to attend places of worship where hireling ministers officiated, with which course I became very much dissatisfied, not finding that which my soul so much desired. I was often brought under great condemnation for disobedience to the will of my Heavenly Father, which was clearly manifested in the secret of my heart. Very few, if any, knew at this time of the exercises and travail of my soul. Yet, notwithstanding these exercises and trials, the Lord my God was pleased to sustain and uphold me, keeping my head above the waves and billows that seemed at times ready to overwhelm me. Truly, the Lord's power is over every other power!

In the Twelfth Month of 1830, John S. Stokes was married to Rachel V. Fletcher, daughter of Thomas and Lydia Fletcher, formerly of Yorkshire, England, but at the time of their marriage, a resident in Philadelphia. As she was not a member he thereby lost his right of membership in the Society of Friends. After a time he offered an acknowledgment to the Monthly Meeting of which he had been a member, for his violation of the Discipline of the Society. During the time his case was pending, a stranger who was attending the meeting, advised Friends to "take in that young man and take care of him," which they did.

In 1837 he removed to New Brighton, Pa., and became a member of Middleton Monthly Meeting, Ohio; his wife

and two children being received into membership by that meeting. Although twenty miles distant, they were regular attenders of their Monthly Meeting—their Particular Meeting being at New Brighton. John S. Stokes in those days frequently went as a companion to Joseph D. Hoag, a ministering Friend, on his religious visits; and his first appearance in the ministry was on one of these occasions. His wife's health being poor, they moved back in 1841, and settled in Rancocas, New Jersey, where they remained until her death in 1844. He then moved to Philadelphia, and in 1847 was married to Rebecca Jones, daughter of Isaac and Amy Jones, of Camden, New Jersey. He spent many years in the employment of teaching school, and for the last twenty-five years of his life was the publishing agent of *The Friend*, a weekly periodical.

John S. Stokes appeared occasionally as a minister in early life, and at intervals subsequent to his removal to Philadelphia. His gift was acknowledged by the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern District, in the autumn of 1863.

The memoranda which he has preserved, with little exception, commenced about five years after this event.

On the Eighth of Twelfth Month, 1868, he says, I attended an appointed meeting at Darby; a low time, but favored to find some relief toward the close of the meeting; many being brought to tears, but a great want of settling down to the Spirit of Truth as manifested in the secret of the heart. Dined at George S. Garrett's, who with his wife, treated us very kindly. Rode to Stephen Trimble's, where we lodged, and [were] kindly cared for.

Fourth-day 9th, attended their meeting at Chester, which was large for the place; the Gospel having free course, the tears of some flowing freely; it was a season not soon, I trust, to be forgotten by me or them; prayer and praise went forth upon the bended knee, to the tendering of our hearts—praise the Lord, O, my soul!

On the Fifteenth of Twelfth Month, at Whiteland. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed by Henry Wood and myself; the coming and suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, were held up to view, to our humble admiration. Friends thought it was a good meeting, and our spirits were bowed down before the Lord; blessed forever be his name. We then called to see Susan Malin, who is in the ninety-first year of her age; I was struck with her serene, heavenly countenance; it was a favored opportunity; Phebe W. Roberts being in company. We went then to Isaac Hall's to tea, after which a very solemn covering was spread over us, and our hearts were tendered and our spirits were contrited before the Lord. Phebe W. Roberts, Abbie W. Hall and myself participated in the vocal exercises; the mourners were comforted, the weak encouraged to hold on their way, and a desire expressed that the impressions made upon our minds might not be as the early dew or the morning cloud that soon passeth away; but that they might be cherished and kept alive; and that thus we might grow stronger and stronger in the Lord's might. We then called at Enos Eldridge's, who was not able to be out. Did not see him; had a satisfactory opportunity with his family, then to Jacob Roberts to lodge. After the reading of a chapter in the Bible, their children were encouraged in the performance of every good word and work. Soon retired; thus ended this highly favored day, and our souls did magnify the Lord, for unto Him belongeth all praise, and unto us nothing but blushing and confusion of face.

My mind having been much turned toward Kennett Square, Chester County, Pa., my friend T. Lippincott went out to see if arrangement could be made to have a public meeting; he found much openness, and a meeting was

appointed at half-past two o'clock, First-day the twenty-seventh of Twelfth Month, 1868. We left home on the evening of the twenty-sixth. First-day morning attended New Garden Meeting. Notice having been given, it was large, and I was raised up to preach the Gospel, commencing with, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren;" enlarging upon it, and bringing to view the importance of all walking by the same rule and minding the same thing, etc. After dinner were soon on our way to Kennett Square, about two or three miles; went to the house that the Hicksites hold their meetings in; it was soon filled with various denominations and others. I was renewedly made sensible of the importance of holding such meetings, and earnestly craved that the Master of assemblies would condescend to be with us, and enable me to divide the word aright to this mixed company. After deep baptism I felt the command to stand forth with the language of the Apostle, "The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, 'Say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? [that is, to bring Christ down from above,] or, who shall descend into the deep? [that is to bring Christ up again from the dead;]' But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is the word of faith which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." I was much enlarged, and the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed amongst this people. They appeared to be much interested

and very attentive; great solemnity prevailed. After supplication and praises were offered to Him who liveth and abideth forever, the meeting closed under a precious feeling of the Divine presence. My much exercised mind was greatly relieved, and my peace flowed as a river, and the language arose, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" May it be a more dedicated heart to his Divine and holy will, was the breathing desire of my soul. Keep me, O, Lord, as in the hollow of thy Divine and holy hand, that I may be preserved from the lo here or the lo there is Christ; but be centred and established upon the eternal Rock of Ages, even Christ Jesus, our ever blessed and holy Redeemer.

The reader will find several references in the succeeding pages to the separation in the Society of Friends, which occurred about the year 1827, and which drew many thousands away from its fold.

It had its root in differences on doctrinal subjects, which gradually grew up, especially respecting the Divinity and atonement of our Saviour, and the authority of the Holy Scriptures; but in its progress other matters became involved in the controversy, sometimes of a personal nature.

The belief of the Society of Friends as a body was that expressed by William Penn in one of his epistles, "I do heartily believe that Jesus Christ is the only true and everlasting God, by whom all things were made that are made in the heavens above or in the earth beneath; that He is as omnipotent, so omnipresent and omniscient, therefore God."

The most noted among the advocates of the doctrines which caused dissension was Elias Hicks, who resided on Long Island, who, as an approved minister of long standing, and a man of much intellectual ability, had acquired great influence in the Society of Friends. He appears to have regarded Jesus Christ as a frail creature like other men, who became a Son of God through obedience to that



portion of Divine Light which was manifested to him ; and he declared that the Light would do the same work for every creature that submitted to it. In accordance with this view was the remark of one of his followers, "that she as fully believed in the Divinity of Christ as in that of every human soul." It necessarily followed from such views that the doctrine of the atonement was also rejected. Both parties at the time recognized the difference of belief as the cause of the separation. Those who adhered to Elias Hicks in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting issued an address, explaining the ground on which they were about to separate from their brethren, in which they say : "Doctrines held by one part of the Society, and which we believe to be sound and edifying, are pronounced by the other part to be unsound and spurious."

The Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia in 1828 issued a "Declaration," setting forth the causes and some of the proceedings connected with this separation, in which it says of Elias Hicks' doctrines :—

"Under the plausible pretext of exalting the Light within, as the primary rule of faith and practice, he endeavored to lessen the authority of the Holy Scriptures; and when he had greatly impaired the sentiments of reverence justly due to their Divine testimony, he proceeded to speak of our blessed Saviour as being merely an example or pattern to us, and denied that his death was an offering for the sins of mankind, except for the legal sins of the Jews, calling Him the Jewish Messiah. Faithful, experienced Friends, who were established in the doctrines of Christ and his apostles, and who saw the baneful consequences that must result from the promulgation of such opinions, were brought under much painful solicitude for the preservation of the Society. Having proceeded further in avowing his disbelief in our Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men, publicly declaring that the same power that *made Him a Christian* must make us Christians, and that the same power that saved Him must save us ; he was again privately labored with, in order to convince him of his error."

It was almost inevitable that when doctrines were assailed,

which were held in reverence as among the vital and fundamental principles of Christianity, that great alarm, uneasiness, dissension and controversy should be the result; and it is no matter of surprise that these culminated in a disruption.

In the lapse of time the heated feelings produced by these trials have largely passed away, and have been succeeded by a more kind and open feeling, as J. S. Stokes often experienced, when his line of duty led him into contact with those who had formerly been, but had now ceased to be, members of the same organized body as himself.

About 1827-8, separations occurred in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ohio Yearly Meetings; but the followers or adherents of Elias Hicks were more numerous in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting than anywhere else.

Not feeling clear of Middletown, Pa., notice was given that we would be there First-day morning, the twenty-third of First Month, 1869. I was brought very low, and went to meeting feeling much discouraged. A large company, many not of our Society, were present. I felt very poor and stripped of everything that had even the appearance of good, but endeavoring to abide in the patience, my mind became impressed with the importance of spiritual worship, and the necessity of waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, in order that we might by the mercy of God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, and an increase of true and living faith. Feeling the command to stand forth, though in much weakness, I yielded thereto, treating upon the subject of silent and spiritual worship, etc., for over an hour; many of our hearts being bowed down and contrited before the Lord; and the tribute of prayer and praise was offered up to Him who is God over all, blessed forever.

Many and deep have been my baptisms in the course of this visit: often being brought to feel that I must partake

of the last morsel and die! but endeavoring to put my whole trust and confidence in the Lord alone, I was brought to realize that his grace is indeed sufficient for us, and as we keep near unto Him he will be strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present helper in every needful time; and this has been our experience through the course of this religious visit. Praise the Lord, O, my soul, and all that is within me bless and praise his holy name!

I returned this day the Minute I had obtained, and informed the meeting that I had attended all the meetings of Concord, Caln and Western Quarters, and a number of public meetings within their limits, to the relief and peace of my own mind. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven.

From twenty-third of First Month, 1869, I was pretty much at home, attending meetings as they came in course, often feeling very poor and stripped of all that had the appearance of good; and under much exercise, and amidst doubts and fears, on the twenty-seventh of Fourth Month, 1869, I opened a prospect in our Monthly Meeting, which had for many months rested on my mind, to pay a visit in Gospel love to Abington and Bucks Quarterly Meetings, and the meetings composing them, and if way opened for it, to appoint some public meetings within their limits. After a time of solid deliberation a Minute was granted, and my friend Thomas Lippincott, informing the meeting that he felt it would be right for him to offer to bear me company, a Minute was also granted him.

On the sixteenth of Fifth Month, First-day morning, I was at Germantown. The prospect of attending this large meeting, where there are many learned, and who have much of this world's goods, had brought me under much exercise and concern; but endeavoring to keep near to my

divine Lord and Master, He was pleased to remove all fear of man, and I was enabled to relieve my mind of the exercise that rested upon it, I trust to the honor of Truth; for which favor my soul did magnify the Lord.

At four o'clock we held a public meeting in the old meeting-house at Horsham; a very severe hail-storm taking place about the time meeting was settling, which lasted perhaps twenty minutes. The meeting was large, many not of our Society being present. The word flowed freely, and the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them. A large number of those known as Hicksites were present, and at the close of the meeting expressed their satisfaction with what had been said, and hoped we would come soon again; I mention this to show that there is an open door amongst them. My feelings are often drawn towards them in much tenderness and Gospel love. My feelings were very peaceful after these two meetings; much thankfulness arose in my heart to the Father of all our sure mercies.

Seventh-day, Fifth of Sixth Month, 1869.—We left home for Strondburg, taking the cars at Kensington, by way of Trenton, Belvidere, Water Gap, etc., a delightful ride, and beautiful scenery, which we enjoyed very much, arriving at the place of our destination about one o'clock. Were met at the station by John Stokes, son of Stogdell Stokes, at whose house we were kindly entertained. First-day morning attended their meeting, which is very small. They were affectionately, I think, entreated to deny themselves, take up the daily cross, and follow our divine Lord and Master, in the way He would have us go, in order that we might be fitted and prepared, by the mercy of God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to enter into everlasting rest and peace, when called upon to give up

our stewardships. My heart is often made sad in beholding the very many bearing our name, who appear to live in a state of ease, and lukewarmness, I fear trusting in a name to live whilst they are yet dead in trespasses and in sins. Oh! that we all may be aroused from such a state as this, and brought to a sense of the importance of working out our soul's salvation day by day, with fear and trembling before God.

First-day morning, thirteenth of Sixth Month.—We attended Frankford Meeting, which was large, and proved to be a free, open time; very deep were my exercises on this occasion, on account of some who I believed were often brought very low before the Lord, and their faith closely tried, and deeply proved; they were encouraged to hold on their way, nothing doubting but that the Lord would, in his own time, but it must be in his own way, arise for their help as with healing in his wings, etc. The lukewarm were stirred up to greater faithfulness, and to become more willing to submit to the crucifying, baptizing power and cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. It was a relieving season to my much exercised mind. Rebecca McCollin was present, and appeared in supplication near the close of the meeting, which we thought ended well, for which my heart did praise the Lord. After dinner we went to Byberry, a meeting having been appointed in the old house at four o'clock, no meeting for Friends being held at this place. At the time of the separation, the Monthly Meeting was composed of one hundred and twenty families, all except four going with the separatists. A large number were present; the Gospel was largely preached, but it did not seem to me that the Truth reigned over all as in some other places, but it was thought to be a good meeting; many of the separatists present, as well as others,

expressing their entire satisfaction and thankfulness for the opportunity. One of their ministers said he had travelled with me in my exercises, and he could give me the right hand of fellowship; very glad I was willing to have a meeting amongst them, thought it was a favored season, etc. We took tea with one of their elders, and were very kindly entertained by him and family; arrived home a little after ten o'clock. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his mercies unto me? for all praise belongeth unto our God, and his beloved Son, our holy Redeemer, but unto me nothing but blushing and confusion of face; praise the Lord, O, my soul!

Afternoon of Seventh-day the 19th, we went out to Spring Mill, our kind friend Isaac Roberts, meeting us at the station, took us to his house, where we were kindly entertained. First-day morning attended their meeting at Plymouth, and it proved to be a time of great favor. We dined at Isaac Roberts'; soon after (he and his wife with us) we started for Gwynedd; a meeting appointed at four o'clock, which was quite large; a precious covering soon spread over us, and I was raised up to preach the way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; the doctrine was plain and clear, and flowed freely, much to the relief of my own mind; Phebe W. Roberts participated in the exercise to good satisfaction, Samuel Morris, also. Perhaps most of those present were of those known as "Hicksites;" much interest and feeling was manifested, many hearts tendered, and much expression of unity with the meeting. With much love in my heart for the people present, I bade them farewell in the love of the Gospel. Under a renewed sense of my own inability to do any good thing, my spirit was contrited before the Lord for his unmerited mercy toward me this day, for truly, his love was

shed abroad in my heart, in no ordinary manner, and I was brought to realize that He is not only able but willing often to make a way for us when there appears to be no way, to our finite understanding; and He can make hard things easy, and bitter things sweet; all praise belongeth to our God and his beloved Son, our holy Redeemer! I returned home Second-day morning, with a peaceful mind.

First-day morning, twenty-seventh of Sixth Month.—We left home by private conveyance, rode out to Horsham Meeting, which was large for the place, and a very good meeting it was to me; the Gospel had free course, and I felt my peace to flow as a river; all praise belongeth to Him who putteth forth his own sheep and goeth before them.

In the afternoon we rode to Abington to the old house, it rained very hard. The meeting appointed at four o'clock was small, supposed to be so in consequence of the storm, but it proved to be a very relieving time to my mind, and I felt calm and peaceful. We returned home in the evening, with I trust, thankful hearts, for the many mercies and favors received. Five of the ministers belonging to the "Hicksites" expressed their entire unity and approbation with what had been said, and felt grateful for the opportunity.

Seventh-day, third of Seventh Month, we went to Doylestown, where our kind friend, Daniel C. Rich, met us and took us to his house, where we were kindly entertained. First-day morning attended their meeting at Plumstead which was large for the place, and thought to be a good meeting. We made some calls in the afternoon, and on Second-day morning went to their Monthly Meeting at Buckingham, which is a small, weak meeting. Much was said in order to stir them up to more faithfulness, but

whether it had any good effect, time only will make manifest. I felt easy and clear of these meetings, for the present at least. It may be that some of the people thought the doctrine rather close and plain, but I once turned aside from what I believed was required at my hands, because it was so plain, and felt so badly on account of it, that I promised not to do it again, so on this occasion I endeavored to be faithful in delivering what was given me, and felt great peace in so doing. My dear Lord was very good to me this day, as He always is, bless and praise his holy name, O, my soul! Returned home in the evening, thankful for renewed favors.

On the Tenth of Seventh Month we left home, rode to Bristol, where we were met by Samuel C. Eastburn, who took us to his father's, near Attleborough; attended their meeting First-day morning, which is small in common, but a number came in. The Gospel flowed freely to a pretty large company, the way of life and salvation was proclaimed amongst them, the importance of denying ourselves, taking up the cross daily, and following our ever blessed and holy Redeemer, there being no other way to the kingdom of heaven but by the cross of Christ, was held up to view in a manner that was humiliating, and wonderful to myself; we had had a large public meeting in this place before. I now felt easy to leave them in the hand of the Lord, praised be his holy name.

Joseph Eastburn and family went with us to Fallsington, a public meeting being appointed there at four o'clock, in the old house, which was soon filled, and a precious covering was spread over us to the contriting of many hearts. Here I was again raised up in unmerited mercy, to preach the everlasting Gospel to this large company, the doings and sufferings of our holy Redeemer were largely brought



to view ; the doctrine running clear and close, but my dear Lord enabled me to keep my eye single unto Him, and He led me safely along, to the relief and peace of my deeply exercised mind, although I was quite hoarse before I took my seat ; one of the Hicksite ministers rose and set her seal to what had been said, in a very becoming manner. Henry Wood being present had good service, after which I made a few more remarks, and bade them an affectionate farewell, and under a very sweet and solemn covering the meeting closed. Unto the Lord belongs all praise, glory and honor.

Fourth-day 14th.—We went to Bristol, attended their little meeting, had a word of encouragement for the few present, and it was a very satisfactory meeting.

Seventh Month, 27th.—Our Monthly Meeting. I was led a little to speak of the only two foundations upon which we can build, upon the eternal rock of ages, even Christ Jesus, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever, or upon the sand which is subject to being moved or changed by the floods, the rains and the winds, desiring we might be enabled to see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world ; upon which of these two foundations we are building, etc., to the relief and peace of my own mind.

I returned the Minute granted me in the Fourth Month, and informed the meeting that in company with our friend, Thomas Lippiucott, I attended the Quarterly Meetings of Abington and Bucks, and all the meetings belonging thereto and a number of public meetings within their limits, and though many and deep were my exercises and baptisms, yet the Lord was pleased, in the riches of his mercy, to enable me to perform the service to the relief of my own mind, and we had often been brought to realize the truth

of the declaration, "I will be strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present helper in every needful time." I feel to commemorate the goodness and mercy of our God, for unto Him belongeth all praise, glory and honor, and unto me nothing but blushing and confusion of face.

Having for several years believed it right for me to stand resigned to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ohio, and some meetings going to or returning therefrom, and it seeming to me the time had fully come, I spread my concern before our Monthly Meeting the twenty-first of Ninth Month, 1869, and it being fully united with, a Minute for the purpose was granted me. Our friends Charles Williams and Thomas Lippincott, having expected to attend the Yearly Meeting, it was thought unnecessary to take a special companion, but I did not find it as satisfactory as would have been desirable. I left home on the 23rd, at twelve o'clock at night, by way of Pittsburgh. On the 25th, Select Yearly Meeting commenced at Mt. Pleasant, at ten o'clock. I felt, I think, all I was capable of feeling, for it seemed to me I was, as it were, walking upon a sea of glass, and shall I say, that mingled with fire. I felt it right for me to hold forth a word of encouragement to some who were present, and endeavored to stir others up to more faithfulness. While the Queries were under consideration, my mind was brought into deep exercise in relation to love and unity, and I was favored to bring my exercise into view. The exertion I had made before leaving home, and the almost constant travel, it being part of the time very warm, caused me to feel much exhausted, and much palpitation of heart made me to feel somewhat anxious about myself, but by being very careful to avoid much bodily exertion, I was favored to feel much relieved in a few days. First-day morning the meeting was large, and I was raised up to

preach, as I apprehend, the everlasting Gospel, to the tendering of many hearts and greatly to my own relief; the meeting closed under a solemn covering.

I had a hope I might be silent in the afternoon meeting, but after sitting some time, I felt constrained to stand up, and in a plain, searching testimony, the Truth went forth, to the humbling of many minds; the doctrine that we hear much of in the present day was brought to view, "Come to Jesus, come to Jesus this very hour, all that is necessary is to believe on Jesus," etc., as though we could, in our own will and way, come to Him at any time, when our Saviour has declared "that no man cometh unto me, except my Father which sent me, draw him;" my mind was greatly relieved, and many Friends comforted. After coming down from the galleries, several Friends being near, a plain looking person came up to me, and said he wished to speak to the stranger, and after doing so, said he wished me to explain that doctrine that I alluded to in relation to coming to Jesus, I told him I did not wish to enter into any controversy, perhaps my friends would satisfy him, he said, "I would rather hear it from thyself," I told him, I did not believe we could come to Jesus just when we chose, and quoted what our Saviour said in relation thereto, and he could find much corroborative testimony in the Scriptures, which I desired him to read, with which he seemed entirely satisfied, said he was much obliged to me, and bid me a kind farewell; he was one that went off in the Binns' separation of 1854.

On Second-day morning, at ten o'clock, the general Yearly Meeting commenced its sittings, which were larger than at any time since the separation in 1854, many young Friends being present, whose consistent appearance, deportment and attention to the business before the meeting, was

truly commendable, and very encouraging. The business was transacted in much harmony and brotherly love. After the preparatory business, the state of Society was taken up by the reading and answering of the Queries. The importance of attending all of our religious meetings, and the necessity of having our minds gathered inward, silently and reverently waiting upon God, in the silence of all flesh, in order that we might be brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, and an increase of true and living faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely spoken to; and Friends encouraged to perform this religious duty.

Fifth-day morning met at nine o'clock. The business of the meeting having been brought nearly to a close, I was engaged in a relieving testimony, by way of exhorting to faithfulness in all of our religious duties, encouraging the weak and faint-hearted little ones, and as obedience kept pace with knowledge, we should grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might; it was a solemn season. Soon after, the meeting closed under a deep sense of the many mercies that had been extended to us from season to season, during the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, for which favors, I trust, there were many grateful, and thankful hearts. Many of us were brought near together in spirit, and encouraged to hold up our heads a little in hope.

The collecting of ourselves together, in the evening, at the Boarding-school House, numbering over two hundred, reading a chapter, &c., were truly refreshing seasons, the opportunity afforded to mingle with many Friends, and especially with our dear young Friends, will not, I think, be soon forgotten by me; may the feeling which was begotten in our hearts, be treasured up, strengthening us in the

work of the Lord, is the desire of my heart for them and myself. Our parting was a touching season long to be remembered.

Soon after dinner, with my kind friends William and Ruth Fisher, we left for Flushing, a distance of about eighteen miles, lodged at Asa Branson's. Next morning a circumstance took place in such a manner that I feel to record, showing the protecting care, mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father. After reading in the Bible, I took up my valise, which was heavy, in one hand, and a small satchel in the other, and started down stairs. I stepped too far over the second or third step, and it was thought I must have turned entirely over, falling heavily upon the floor at the bottom of the stairs; I lay entirely helpless, and almost senseless; they carried me into a room adjoining, where I soon felt better from the severe shock which I had received. It seemed to us marvellous, that none of my bones were broken, only two or three bruises appeared, but I soon became quite stiff. I make a record of this event, believing it to be nothing short of a Divine interposition of a merciful and gracious God. My heart was humbled, and contrited before Him, in thus preserving me from an instant death. O my soul, praise thou the Lord thy God.

A meeting being appointed at ten o'clock, we went to it. I was raised up to preach the everlasting Gospel, my feelings were especially drawn out toward the dear young people, pleading with them, to seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, believing that all things necessary would be added, etc.; after which I supplicated to the Father of all our sure mercies, on their behalf, and that we might all be brought, by the mercy and goodness of our Father in heaven, into the one true sheepfold, that there

might be one fold, and one shepherd, etc. Great was the peace which flowed through my soul after taking my seat.

We dined at Jacob Holloway's, very pleasantly; soon after started toward Salem, Ohio, a distance of over sixty miles and a very rough road, riding some twenty-five miles, we stopped for the night, the accommodations the poorest I ever experienced; scarcely any bed, and I had to lodge with a rough, strange man, on this poor, would-be bed. Slept but little, arose early, and left this comfortless abode at six o'clock in the morning. We had our dinners with us, which we partook of about twelve o'clock, when we stopped to feed our horses. We reached Salem about five o'clock, tired and worn, lodged at our kind friend William Fisher's. Early First-day morning he took me to see my aunt, who had just entered her eighty-eighth year; she seemed quite bright, and very glad to see me.

Went to meeting at eleven o'clock, many coming in not of our Society; it was large. My mind was brought under deep exercise, and way was opened to relieve it, in a manner that was marvellous to myself; our great and high profession being brought to view, and that a mere name would avail nothing in the day of account, when we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether good or evil.

Dined at Samuel Street's; he and his kind wife taking me to New Garden, where a meeting was appointed at three o'clock. The house was filled with Friends and others. A solemn covering was soon spread over us. I was led to speak of the coming, suffering, crucifixion, and the second appearance, without sin unto salvation, of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, etc.; and I trust the faint-hearted were encouraged, the lukewarm a little stirred up, to the contriting of many hearts. I took tea at our kind friend

B. D. Stratton's, made a few calls, and rode back to Salem, and lodged at my aunt's.

On Second-day morning, about seven o'clock, my kind friend, Samuel Street, calling for me, we left for Middleton, where we arrived in time for meeting at eleven o'clock. A number came in who were not members. I was again raised up to preach Christ, and Him crucified, to the contriting of my own, as well as many other hearts, and my mind was particularly drawn toward some, who I believed were under great trials and affliction on various accounts; they were encouraged to hold on their way, and patiently bear the turning and the overturning of the Lord's Divine and holy hand upon them, putting their whole trust and confidence in Him. He would, in the riches of his mercy, arise for their help. It was a time of Divine favor, all praise belongeth to the Lord.

Second-day afternoon my kind friend, Robert Ellyson, took me to Carmel Meeting, appointed at half-past three o'clock, which was large, many of other societies being present. The Gospel flowed freely.

The next day I left for New Brighton, where my brother and sister, Ellwood and Beulah Thomas, met me and took me to their house, three or four miles distant. I reached home about seven o'clock the morning of the fourteenth of Tenth Month, 1869, having attended fourteen meetings and travelled over one thousand miles, more than a hundred of which was over rough and hilly roads, by carriage. My soul doth praise and magnify the name of the Lord, my God, for all his mercies and goodness unto me in this journey, and all glory and honor is due unto Him and his beloved Son, our Saviour.

In this account of his visit to Ohio Yearly Meeting, John S. Stokes refers to the separation which had taken place

there in 1854. This was one of the outgrowths of the dissension introduced into the Society of Friends by the publication of doctrines in England, especially by Joseph John Gurney, which were at variance with some of the fundamental views of Friends. The efforts made by influential members in New England to silence the protests against his doctrines made by John Wilbur and others had caused a separation there a few years before.

In 1854, a minister belonging to the Smaller Body in New England, with a companion, attended Ohio Yearly Meeting on a religious visit. Many of those who were in sympathy with the Larger Body in New England at the opening meeting, objected to his presence. The difference in sentiment which existed among Ohio Friends had been manifested for several years, so that the representatives had been unable to agree upon a name for Clerk of the Yearly Meeting—and so Benjamin Hoyle, who had served the meeting for a long time in that capacity, had been continued. When the representatives met at the rise of the meeting to consider of a Friend to act as Clerk for the year, the same difficulty occurred as in previous years. The larger part of the representatives favored the renomination of Benjamin Hoyle, and about one-third of the number urged the appointment of Jonathan Binns, who was supposed to favor their views.

When the meeting convened two reports were made. One Friend, who represented the two-thirds of the representatives, reported that they had been unable to agree on a name—and another, representing the remainder, said that a *portion* of the representatives had agreed to propose Jonathan Binns. After a confused sitting, the meeting adjourned and the Separatists remained, and adjourned to a different hour. Thus the division was effected.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that the visit of John S. Stokes was to the Yearly Meeting of Ohio which properly represented the original Body; and not to those for whom J. Binns acted as Clerk.



## CHAPTER II.

EPISTLE OF 1870—SICKNESS—VISIT TO BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING—MEETING WITH THE MENNONITES AT DEEP RUN—OBSERVATIONS ON THE HISTORY, ETC., OF THE MENNONITES—ATTENDS SEVERAL MEETINGS AND FUNERALS—EXERCISE OF MIND ABOUT PLAINNESS, ETC.—YEARLY MEETING OF 1871—PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—ATTENDS DIVERS MEETINGS, FUNERALS, ETC.—VISITS RAHWAY AND PLAINFIELD MONTHLY MEETING.

During the winter of 1869 and 1870 I attended a number of funerals, and some Quarterly, Monthly and other meetings, mostly to good satisfaction, and to the peace of my own mind. Many Friends are brought under much exercise and religious concern on account of the many and various innovations, that are apparent within our borders, lowering the standard of our precious principles and testimonies, to the sorrow and grief of the right minded. The Meeting for Sufferings being brought under religious exercise, prepared an Epistle to our members, bringing to view various subjects which had claimed their weighty consideration, which was laid before our Yearly Meeting in the Fourth Month, 1870, where it was fully united with, and directed to be sent down to the families of Friends, desiring it might be productive of much good; this document was a great relief to me. But Paul may plant, and Apollos water, yet it is God only that giveth the increase.

One of the first points noted in this Epistle is that on which J. S. Stokes had been questioned when he was in Ohio, as mentioned on a previous page—as to man's power

to come to Christ when he pleased. This Epistle testifies against the "delusive and dangerous opinion," that "men at any time and in their own will, may come to Christ, place their hopes of salvation in his atoning sacrifice, and be accepted in Him, though they may never have experienced thorough repentance for their sins, nor the washing of regeneration through the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

It lays down the doctrine, that "in every step of the work of salvation, man must depend altogether on co-operating with the gift of the Holy Spirit"—a measure of which has been purchased for all mankind through the death of Christ.

"Christ without, in his prepared body, by the offering of which He made the atonement, and Christ in his inward appearance by his Spirit in the heart, is not divided; but is "the Author and Finisher of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

It also calls attention to the mischief done, by calling off the attention from the contriting, self-abasing work of the Holy Spirit in the heart, and substituting therefor some outside work, for which neither the qualification nor the Divine call has yet been experienced; and it points out the danger in this direction of prematurely engaging in Bible Schools, or of joining in formal prayer meetings.

Very many are the low seasons, baptisms, and trials, my mind passes through on account of the low state of the Church. May it please the God of all comfort to arise for my help, is oftentimes the sincere desire of my spirit, and I am sometimes enabled to believe that the foundation of God still standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his, my desire is, to keep humble and low before the Lord, put my whole trust and confidence in Him, and Him alone; and at seasons I feel that I can praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Through the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting we were favored with many evidences, that though we are a

tried, we are not a forsaken people, the Lord being pleased from season to season to overshadow us with his goodness and love, to the tendering of many hearts.

I felt it right to attend a number of meetings, in and adjacent to the city, in many of which, the way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed to my own peace, and as far as I know, to the satisfaction of my friends.

About the middle of Sixth Month, 1870, I was laid very low with a very suffering complaint, the pain and acute suffering at times being so great that I feared I should not be enabled to retain my senses. But in the riches of the Lord's tender mercy and adorable goodness, He was pleased to raise me up, though I was very weak and poorly for several months, yet most of the time enabled to attend my own, and many other meetings and funerals, though oft-times in much weakness.

At our Monthly Meeting, twenty-second of Eleventh Month, I opened a concern which had rested on my mind for many months with much weight, to pay a visit in Gospel love, to Bucks Quarterly Meeting, some of the meetings composing it, and appoint some public meetings within its limits. A Minute was granted me, and on the 24th, in company with my friend, George W. Brown, proceeded to Fallsington, Bucks County, Pa., in order to attend the Quarterly Meeting. Feeling very poor and weak, as much so, perhaps, as at any time within my remembrance, but praised be the Lord, for his goodness, and the extension of his love and mercy, He raised me up to preach the everlasting Gospel, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to the tendering and contriting of many hearts, humbly bowing our spirits before the Lord our God, for his adorable

goodness. Henry Wood had good service. I returned home in the evening.

Eleventh Month 26th, 1870.—In company with my long-tried friend, Thomas Lippincott, left home for Morrisville, Pa., where we were met and taken to John S. Comfort's, feeling very poor, weak and discouraged; almost depressed under a deep sense of the great responsibility resting upon me in so weighty service as the appointment of public meetings, for all that were disposed to attend them, and at times ready to conclude I never should be enabled to open my mouth again in my heavenly Father's service. Very deep were my baptisms and trials.

First-day 27th, with very little, if any, change in my feelings, we started for Attleborough. Notice having been given, a number came in who were not members. After a time of deep searching of heart, it seemed required of me to bring to view the language of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria in relation to the true worshippers, "for God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." I dwelt largely upon the subject, endeavoring to show the great importance of having our minds drawn away from the world and its spirit, and waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, that we might be prepared, in the ability vouchsafed unto us, to offer unto Him, true living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc., much to my relief.

Dined at Joseph Eastburn's; then proceeded to New-town, where a public meeting was appointed at three o'clock, to be held in the large house occupied by those known by the name of Hicksites; a large number of these and others assembled. Soon after, the wing of ancient goodness was evidently spread over us, to the contriting of our hearts, and to the humiliation of our spirits. Under this solemn cover-

ing and feeling, this language arose, "I trust, O Lord, thou knowest I am not here in my own will, do with me as seemeth good in thy Divine and holy sight." Deeply feeling the great responsibility resting upon me in calling so many people together, in much fear and trembling, I felt constrained to stand upon my feet with these words—"Since we have been silently sitting before the Lord, under a covering that is not at our command, I have said in my heart, what an unspeakable mercy and favor it is to be enabled to believe that the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. He knoweth all of our afflictions, trials, and varied discouragements, etc., and he also knoweth who they are that are hungering and thirsting after righteousness; bringing to view the blessed promise of our holy Redeemer, 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled;' encouraging such to hold on their way, for as they were faithful, the Lord, in the riches of his mercy, would in due time arise for their help. The consolations of the Gospel flowed freely to such as these, for a considerable length of time; great solemnity was over the meeting. And under the covering which was in great mercy spread over us, I felt constrained to bring to view the spirituality of that religion which was introduced into the world by the coming, suffering, crucifixion, and ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and his second appearance without sin unto salvation, in the hearts of the children of men, teaching by his holy Spirit as never man did, nor ever can teach; and if we were brought under the influence of this Divine and holy teaching in the secret of our hearts, it would lead us to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross, and follow our ever blessed and holy Redeemer in the way He would have us go; and thus we should be enabled to overcome all of

our spiritual enemies, and grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might. I was led to speak largely of the manhood, and of the spiritual appearance of our holy Redeemer. To my humble admiration, the solemnity spread over us remained to the last, the meeting closing under a precious feeling, and our hearts filled with gratitude to our Father in Heaven, for all of his unmerited mercies."

We took tea with Thomas Janney, had a pleasant visit, and returned to John S. Comfort's to lodge, with the query raised in our hearts—What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits? We returned home Second-day morning.

Seventh-day morning, third of Twelfth Month, 1870.—We left home in order to attend a meeting appointed at two o'clock, at Deep Run, about ten miles north of Doylestown, for a denomination known by the name of Mennonites. Owing to circumstances beyond our control, we were some after the time appointed, so that the meeting was quite settled when we arrived. The large house, which is simple and plain in appearance, both in and outside, was filled to its utmost capacity, and many standing in and about the doors, so that it was thought there were at least six hundred persons present, most of whom were dressed very simply, much more so than the members of our own Society in the present day. Their manners and habits were very consistent with their outward appearance. The scene was truly interesting, and deeply humiliating to my feelings. My heart was very soon filled with Gospel love for this large and sober-appearing people, and much sooner than usual I felt constrained to proclaim amongst them the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; bringing to view the importance of laboring after true and living faith, and pressing upon them the efficacy of waiting

upon God in the silence of all flesh, in order that we might be prepared to hear the gracious words that proceed from his mouth; and if this Divine and holy teaching, secretly revealed in the heart, was given heed unto, it would teach us to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross and follow Christ our Saviour in the way he would have us go, etc. The subject of baptism was brought to view, and treated upon as we understand it, even the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire, etc. They appeared deeply interested, and very attentive, sitting almost motionless, though I was on my feet for more than an hour. The meeting closed under much feeling and solemnity, with our hearts full of praise to Him to whom only it belongs, and my peace flowed as a river, for this little act of dedication to the will, as I believed, of my Father in Heaven.

Much unity, approbation and thankfulness were expressed by very many, and desires that we would soon come again. We had many kind invitations to tea, and concluded to go with their minister, John Gross, where we were most kindly entertained, and spent a very interesting evening, conversing upon the doctrines and testimonies of our Society and theirs, much to my own satisfaction and comfort. Daniel C. Rich, being with us, took us to his hospitable home, and we were kindly cared for, and our hearts full of praise to the Lord for his great love and kindness unto us, poor and unworthy as we are.

The Mennonites derive their name from Menno Simon, who was one of their most conspicuous preachers. He was born in Holland in 1492, and was a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. He renounced popery in 1531, and from that time until his death in 1561, labored both by pen and tongue to spread a knowledge of the doctrines he had embraced.

The Mennonites regard Water Baptism as the outward

sign of admission into church membership. They reject the doctrine that an infant can be regenerated or born again in a spiritual sense by being dipped into or sprinkled with water; and they hold that water-baptism ought only to be administered to those who have been taught repentance and amendment of life, and who are willing to follow Christ's commands by living a life of self-denial. This rite is performed by them when a person is received into membership. As they do not recognize the validity of infant baptism, persons who have been so sprinkled when children, are required again to submit to the rite—hence they are often classed with the *Ana-baptists* or re-baptizers, as the word means.

Although a remarkably peaceful and unoffending sect, the Mennonites suffered severely in their earlier days from the spirit of intolerance which then ruled in Europe. E. K. Martin, of Lancaster, Pa., in a pamphlet about these people, says: "Three thousand of them suffered martyrdom in Suabia, Bavaria, Austria, and the Tyrol; six thousand under the rule of Philip the Second, of Spain. There were nearly as many martyrs among the Mennonites in the city of Antwerp alone as there were Protestants burned to death in England during the whole reign of Bloody Mary." William of Orange finally obtained for them an unmolested settlement in Holland, where they became numerous and rich, and occupied high social and commercial positions.

Of their sufferings during the era of persecution, Motley, the Dutch historian, says: "They were men who dared and suffered as much as men can dare and suffer in this world, and for the noblest cause which can inspire humanity. The heroism with which men took each other by the hand and walked into the flames, or with which the women sang a song of triumph, while the grave-digger was shovelling the earth upon their living faces, was a reality."

The doctrines of the Mennonites closely agree with those of Protestants generally in reference to the fall of man, his restoration through Christ, and the necessity of repentance and amendment of life. Like the Society of Friends, they accept without reserve the prohibition of all oaths and of wars and fightings; but they regard baptism with water,



partaking of the outward bread and wine as a religious rite, and the washing of one another's feet, as standing ordinances in the Church of Christ. They are conspicuous for their plainness in dress and manners. A holy Christian life in opposition to worldliness was the point whence Menno proceeded, and to which he always returned.

In 1709 some Meunonite families from the Palatinate came to Pennsylvania, and selected a tract of 10,000 acres of land north of the Pequea Creek, in Lancaster County. Other groups of settlers followed between that time and 1727. At this time, the largest body of these people is in Pennsylvania and in Lancaster County. The fertility of the soil, and their own simple and industrious habits of life have rendered them very comfortable in their worldly possessions, if not rich. There are estimated to be about 100,000 of them in the United States and Canada, and are now more numerous in America than in Europe.

Their ministers are selected by lot, receive no salaries for their services, and are not expected to prepare their sermons beforehand, but to trust to the Divine power to give them matter to deliver which may be adapted to the spiritual wants of the people. Their services are mostly in the language known as Pennsylvania Dutch, which is in almost universal use in their families.

First-day morning, fourth of Twelfth Month, we attended Plumstead Meeting, where there are but few members. Others coming in, we had a large gathering for the place. Keeping humble and low before the Lord, and trusting in Him alone, light sprung up as out of darkness, so that we had a highly favored, contriting, baptizing season together, the Gospel flowing freely ; and I felt constrained upon the bended knee, to acknowledge the goodness, the mercy, the loving kindness, and the Almighty power of our Father in Heaven. We then rode directly to Buckingham, where there was a meeting appointed at half-past two o'clock ; dined at William Balderston's, and very soon went to the meeting, which was large, many coming in who were not

members. A solemn covering soon spread over us, and under this feeling, I felt the command to stand upon my feet with these words: "Whatever our profession, or names to religion may be, I trust that we shall all unite in this: that it is a very solemn thing, when rightly considered, to present our bodies as a living sacrifice before the Lord, in order to worship Him who made the Heavens and the earth, and all that in them is. It seemed to me there was a heavy responsibility resting upon us who were professing the Christian name, desiring we might be willing to examine whether our deportment, conversation and intercourse among the children of men, is consistent with the great and high profession of Christianity we are making. For a mere nominal, or traditional belief will avail nothing in that day, when we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil. Then I brought to view the universality of the love of God, in providing a way for our salvation and redemption, by sending his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever might believe on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life; his outward and his spiritual appearance in the heart, were largely spoken of, to the humbling of my own and many other hearts. It was a very solemn season, for which Divine favor we felt truly grateful and thankful to our Father in Heaven—for all praise belongeth unto Him, and his dear Son, our Holy Redeemer. Many of those known by the name of Hicksites were at this meeting, several aged men, one about ninety-two years of age, toward whom my spirit yearned in the love of the Gospel. The meeting closed under great solemnity. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Rode six miles, and were kindly entertained at the house of Benjamin Wiggins. Twelfth Month 5th, Second-day

morning, went back to Buckingham to attend their Monthly Meeting, which is quite small. It was truly a blessed meeting.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 10th.—We left home for Fallsington, and lodged at our dear friend's, John B. Balderston's. First-day morning, 11th, attended their meeting. I felt very poor and stripped of all that was good, but endeavoring to keep quiet, many things at length came before the view of my mind, some of which, I felt constrained to bring to our view. I was led to encourage some who, it felt to me, were often deeply tried, and ready to faint and give out by the way. The lukewarm were tenderly admonished, and those who at times were made sensible of the witness for Truth in their own hearts, were entreated to give heed to the gentle intimations of duty; for these Divine and heavenly visitations were not at our command, and if we did not yield obedience thereunto, we might outlive the day of our visitation, and feel indeed, that the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from us.

At three o'clock in the afternoon we attended a public meeting in a house belonging to the Separatists at Yardleyville, a goodly number of persons present, composed of various denominations. The universality of the love of God was brought to view, in sending his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life; his outward appearance, his doing good to the souls and bodies of men, his crucifixion, ascension, and second appearance without sin unto salvation in the hearts of the children of men were pretty largely spoken of, appealing to them, if they had not known something of his spirit working in them, and when they had given heed thereto, had they not known something of that peace, which the world with all its allurements could

not give, or take away? And when they had gone counter to the dictates of this Spirit of Truth had they not felt condemnation and remorse, etc.? I felt much Gospel love for them, but left the meeting in sadness, though several expressed their satisfaction, thought it would do much good and were glad I was there. For some days I endeavored to find the cause for my feelings, but was not able to discover where I had missed my way, so finally concluded it must be for my own humiliation. May these dispensations draw me nearer to my Divine Lord and Master, who only is able to keep and preserve us, in every time of trial.

Took tea at John S. Comfort's, where I had a little to say by way of encouragement to the tried and afflicted who were present; returned to J. B. Balderston's to lodge, and returned home next morning, the 11th, feeling that I had done what I could, but rather dull and depressed.

First Month 29th, at Woodbury, called on Sarah Upton, where my mouth was opened very unexpectedly, in a few words, I trust, under good authority, and I left the little family in much sweet peace.

Second Month 4th, 1871.—Our Select Quarterly Meeting was held this day. During the time of reading and answering the Queries, my mind was brought under much exercise, in relation to our testimony to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel. After dwelling under it for some time, I ventured to bring it to view, as clearly and briefly as I could for the relief of my own mind. It appeared to make some impression on the meeting, and several spoke in a pertinent manner, and a solemnity was spread over us, which I believe was not at our command, and some of us felt a little cheered on our way, rejoicing in the Lord.

Second Month 16th.—Attended the funeral of our dear

friend, Mary C. Darnell. It was a solemn, interesting occasion, several lively testimonies were held forth.

On the 18th, Seventh-day, went over to Jersey, and First-day morning sat with Friends at Evesham Meeting, from which our late friend, M. C. Darnell, had a few days previous been removed. It was truly a solemn meeting; the hearts of many being tendered, were prepared to receive the Word preached, which flowed freely. Dined with the bereaved family, and in the evening we had a solemn sitting.

Next day, the 20th, we attended the funeral of our cousin, Amy Stokes, wife of Charles. It was large and solemn; several testimonies were borne, but I was silent.

Seventh-day, 25th, attended the funeral of our cousin, Esther Hillman, in the eighty-third year of her age. I was largely engaged in testimony at the house, and my mouth was opened beside the grave; I felt great peace in giving up to apprehended duty.

Third-day, 28th.—Felt it would be best for me to give up to attend Burlington Quarterly Meeting. William Kite, Phebe W. Roberts, and Abby W. Hall, were also there. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed, to the comfort and contriting of many. But it is very evident that the spirit of the world has made its way among us as a people; so that many appear, as it were, to be buried in the earth. May the Lord, in the riches of his mercy, bring such as these to a true sense of their condition, and entire dependence upon God for every good and perfect gift. Too many of us are resting satisfied with a name to live, while we are yet dead in trespasses and in sins. I returned home with the reward of peace.

Third Month 11th, 1871.—Having for some days been drawn toward Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting, Thomas

Lippincott and myself left home to attend it. It was thought to be a solid, good meeting, but it did not seem to me that Truth rose into dominion as upon some other occasions. Visited several invalids to good satisfaction. Lodged at my cousin's, Charles Stokes', who had recently buried his wife. He seems very sad and lonely, but it is believed he desires to be resigned to the Divine and Holy will.

First-day morning, 12th, he took us to Cropwell Meeting, which was a time of renewed favor; the silent part was truly refreshing, and the Gospel flowed freely and largely, so that Truth appeared to reign over all, and our spirits were much humbled and contrited, under a deep sense of the Lord's goodness and love unto us, his poor, dependent creatures. I returned home Second-day morning, with the reward of peace.

Fourth Month 2nd, First-day.—The state of our Society in the present day is cause of much anxiety and religious concern with many Friends. One innovation follows after another, so that our testimonies are almost laid waste by very many; some saying they have a testimony to bear against plainness of speech, behavior and apparel. This makes it hard for parents who desire to bring their children up in accordance with our principles, and for which our forefathers suffered so much. I have felt stripped of everything that even had the appearance of good, for a number of days closed up in meetings, and ready to faint by the way, surrounded by doubts, and with fears that I might bring reproach upon the blessed Truth, which I had held up to others to follow. Under much feeling on this wise, I felt it would be best for me to give up to go to Twelfth Street Meeting this evening. I yielded to the impression, and was satisfied in so doing, having a testimony to bear to the goodness and mercy of God, etc., which

brought peace to my exercised mind. Truly the Lord is good to all who desire above all things to serve Him.

Fourth Month 4th, Third-day, was a very large meeting, on account of a marriage. I. Robson, from England was there, spoke for near an hour, after which I felt constrained to stand up with these words, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, through all, and in you all." Whatever our names or profession of religion might be, I would charitably hope we are all believers in this apostolic declaration, and the importance of knowing something of this saving baptism, even that of the Holy Ghost and of fire. The Gospel flowed freely, to the comfort of many minds, and greatly to my own peace. My soul did praise the Lord for his unspeakable gift, and for granting a little evidence, that notwithstanding all my shortcomings, He had not forsaken me. Bow down, O my soul, before Him, and worship the God of thy salvation, in spirit and in Truth.

Our Yearly Meeting commenced the 17th instant, and continued to the 20th, inclusive. Much to be thankful for, having the evidence that we are not a forsaken people, the wing of ancient goodness being spread over us from season to season, but it was not a time of abounding, many things taking place which caused much anxiety and religious exercise to those who are endeavoring to uphold our doctrines, testimonies and principles, in their original purity. May the Lord undertake for us, and carry on his own work to his own praise and glory.

Fourth Month 25th.—This day completes my sixty-third year. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his unmerited mercies unto me, a poor worm of the dust. May it be a clean heart and a contrite spirit; and may I be more dedicated to the will and service of my Divine Lord and

Master. Preserve me, O Lord, as in the hollow of thy Divine and Holy hand!

Fifth Month 1st.—Our Quarterly Meeting, most of which was very trying, because of some Friends not keeping their proper places. O that we who are in the station of ministers, might be brought to feel more and more the importance of dwelling deep, and waiting for a renewed qualification to minister in the ability which God alone gives. If this was our individual exercise and living concern, I believe there would be less said in our meetings, and they would be more to our edification and comfort; for it is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing.

Fifth Month 4th.—For several days past my mind had been turned toward Rahway. This morning my friend Joseph Walton, my wife and myself, left home to attend their meeting. A marriage was to take place, which brought a number of persons not of our Society. The meeting was large, but very quiet. A solemn covering was soon spread over us, and I thought it was good to be there. The spirituality of our religion was pretty fully, and I trust clearly, set forth before this mixed company, bringing to view the teaching of the Holy Spirit, and that if given heed unto, it would lead into all Truth. Silent worship, or the importance of it, was also brought to view, setting forth the necessity of worshipping God in Spirit and Truth; for God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc.

Fifth Month 15th.—This day attended the burial of my long tried and valued friend, Martha Wills. She was in the station of an elder, and her simplicity, integrity, uprightness and exemplary deportment was loud preaching to her household, as well as to surrounding beholders. The solemn occasion was to me an exercising season, and I felt



constrained to speak in a plain, close manner to some near connections, who it seemed to me were living in an unconcerned state of mind, and almost doing despite to the spirit of Truth. I was enabled to relieve my mind, and trust some were aroused to a sense of their condition. I felt calm and peaceful, and glad I was there.

Fourth-day, 17th, I left home and went down to Tucker-ton, New Jersey, in order to attend meeting on the 18th, in which Jacob E. Haines and Naomi Parker were to enter into the marriage covenant, on which account the meeting was large, and soon a very solemn covering was spread over us. The Gospel flowed freely, and there seemed much openness to receive it. Much simplicity was apparent, and moderation observed, by the marriage company, which was comforting and encouraging to many of us. Returned home next morning, with a heart filled with love to my Father in Heaven for his goodness and mercy, poor and unworthy as we are. The kindness of Friends to me on the above occasion, should long be remembered by me, and I desire to cherish, and be worthy of it.

First-day, 18th.—Attended the burial of our friend Elizabeth Winn. Met at the house at eight o'clock in the morning; being very wet the company was not large. She was a pure-spirited woman. As we were standing around the grave I felt constrained to bring this Scripture passage to view—"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them;" believing it might be applicable to our dear departed Friend.

First-day, 25th.—After the morning meeting I called on a sick friend (Dr. Brooks), who seemed very glad to see me. Life sprang up, and it was a time of favor, I trust. The

meetings were held in silence, as to words, and some of the people much disappointed, but I felt thankful that I was favored to keep my place. Be pleased, O Lord, in thy own time, to arise for our help, for vain is the help of man.

Sixth Month 27th.—Many and various are the trials and vicissitudes of this life; these, with great poverty of spirit, often bring me very low, almost to a state of depression. But my experience has been, when we are brought to a deep sense of our own nothingness and entire dependence upon the Lord our God, He will in his own time arise for our help, bringing us up, as it were, out of the miry clay and setting our feet upon a rock, putting a new song in our mouths, even praises to our God. He has and will do it for his humble, dependent children.

Seventh Month 4th, Third-day.—Richard Esterbrook attended our meeting to-day. Had a very encouraging testimony for the rightly exercised, baptized, dependent little ones, desiring they might bear their trials and tribulations with patience and resignation; believing if this was the case the Lord would in his own time arise for their help, etc., which afforded a little strength to some of us who often go mourning on our way Zionward.

Fourth-day, 5th.—Attended the burial of our friend Silas S. Brooks, M. D., which was a trying time to me. At the house there were several communications, but no relief to my exercised mind; my way opened at the ground to throw off some of the feeling that had pressed upon it, which was very plain to some present, desiring that they might be stirred up to double their diligence in making their calling and election sure before we too are called hence to be seen here of men no more, etc.

First-day, 9th.—Having felt my mind drawn toward Frankford Meeting for some weeks, Thomas Lippincott and

myself attended it this day. It was a low time for near an hour, when life sprang up, to my humble admiration, in plain searching testimony, encouraging Friends to be more faithful to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in the heart, that we might be favored to know more of the spirituality of religion.

Third-day, 11th.—This afternoon attended the burial of our friend Elizabeth C. Bacon, wife of Richard. It was large, and a solemn season it proved to be, so that some of us felt it was good to be there. She was a pure-spirited Friend, one in whom there appeared no guile, and we trust has been gathered, through mercy, into everlasting rest and peace. We are now informed of the death of my dear cousin and brother-in-law, Samuel Stokes, who for a number of years has resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a great bereavement to his family and friends, and comes very close to my best feelings. May the Lord, in his mercy and goodness, strengthen, support, sustain and preserve us all in our varied trials and afflictions, enabling us in all sincerity of heart to say, not my will, but thine, O Lord, be done.

First-day, 16th.—Very warm, many out of the city, our meetings small, and the seed of life lies low. How poor and finite we are, entirely unable to command anything which can satisfy our hungering and thirsting souls, but help is laid upon One who is mighty to save and able to deliver us from the power of our soul's enemy; let us trust in Him, then He will help us.

Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting being much reduced in numbers, proposed, through Burlington Quarter, to our Yearly Meeting, that it should be attached to Westbury Quarterly Meeting, New York. After duly considering the subject it was concluded to appoint a committee (of which I was one) to give it such consideration as may be

necessary, and on the eighteenth of Seventh Month, John E. Sheppard and myself left home for Plainfield, where we were kindly received and cared for by our friends Zachariah Webster and wife.

On the 19th we attended their Monthly Meeting, which was composed of three men and six or seven women. I felt very poor, and stripped of all good, but endeavored to put my whole trust and confidence in the Lord. After a time of solid waiting, light and life sprang up, and my mind was brought under a lively and weighty exercise for the spiritual welfare and growth in the Truth, as it is in Jesus, of us that were assembled. And in due time I was enabled to bear testimony to the goodness, mercy and power of our Heavenly Father, and to encourage us to more faithfulness in giving heed to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in our hearts, that we might so live and walk as to evidence to surrounding beholders, that we are what we profess to be, even the followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord. The Gospel flowed freely.

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to consider the proposition from Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting consisted of eighteen persons. These were divided up into small sub-committees, which paid frequent visits to Friends of that Monthly Meeting during that and the succeeding year, so that by personal intercourse they might ascertain more fully their situation and their feelings. The mingling together, thus effected, of Friends from different parts of the Yearly Meeting, no doubt had the effect to bind them more firmly together—so that when the Committee reported to the Yearly Meeting in the spring of 1873 they were able to inform the meeting that the visits paid had strengthened the attachment of those Friends to the Yearly Meeting, and that they were disposed cheerfully to acquiesce in the judgment of the Yearly Meeting—which was in

accordance with the sense of the Committee, that way did not open to make the proposed change.

Exeter Select Preparative Meeting informing our Select Quarterly Meeting of their reduced condition, a Committee was appointed to sit with them and take their situation into serious consideration.

On the twenty-fifth of Seventh Month, 1871, in company with Dr. Charles Evans, John Carter, Abigail Hutchinson and Rebecca S. Allen, I attended Exeter Select Meeting, which was composed of three elders, one of whom is about to leave the neighborhood. Some service appeared to be called for at our hands, and it was to some satisfaction that we were with them, but upon conferring together it was our united judgment, that it would be best to discontinue the Meeting for Ministers and Elders.

We attended their Monthly Meeting on the 26th, which was very small, and seemed to furnish another evidence that we had come to a right conclusion. Abigail Hutchinson and myself had some service, which was to the relief and peace of my own mind. We were kindly cared for at our kind friend Joseph Bailey's. Returned home in the evening, feeling a hope that no harm had been done. I often feel desirous, if I do no good, I may be preserved from doing harm. The desire of my heart often is, O Lord, undertake for me and direct my steps aright.

## CHAPTER III.

VISIT TO OCEAN GROVE—FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH HAINES—  
VISIT TO HAVERFORD—A FAMILY GATHERING—VISIT TO  
RANCOCAS—DECEASE OF SAMUEL COPE AND REMARKS ON  
HIS CHARACTER—VISITS MT. HOLLY—ATTENDS BUCKS QUAR-  
TERLY MEETING AND PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING  
—CONCERN FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR TESTIMONIES—VISITS  
WILLIAM WALTER—REMARKS ON HIS CHARACTER—PHILA-  
DELPHIA YEARLY MEETING IN 1872—ATTENDS DIFFERENT  
MEETINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CITY.

First-day, 30th.—After afternoon meeting we went to meet with some relatives and friends of Phebe Phillips, wife of Benjamin, who deceased Sixth-day morning, and is to be taken to the country to-morrow morning. She looked natural and peaceful. It was a solemn season.

Eighth Month 1st, Third-day. — Benjamin Hoyle, from Ohio, attended our meeting, had a short, savory testimony to the efficacy of silent, spiritual worship, which was to my comfort and encouragement, believing as I do that waiting upon the Lord, in the silence of all flesh, is much wanting among us as a people in the present day.

After meeting in the afternoon of Eighth Month 6th, I called at the house of Eliza Reeve, whose husband lay a corpse. He was a regular attender of our meetings. I had a word of encouragement for the widow, when my mind was turned toward the children and others present in a manner which was remarkable to myself, exhorting them not only to be believers in, but to become followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, quoting this language—"Take heed,

brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Eighth Month 26th.—I left home to spend a few days with my invalid daughter Alice, at the sea shore, a place named Ocean Grove; my brother Elwood having a cottage there. Most of the people are Methodists.

First-day, 28th.—They were very anxious I should attend their meetings. I respectfully informed them I could not consistently do so. At the close of their morning meeting they informed their audience that there would be a meeting at three o'clock, held in the order of the religious Society of Friends, of which I was informed, and invited to attend. I had been brought under much exercise on account of these people, and as the way had been opened without any effort on my part, I felt most easy to attend the meeting, which was held in a grove, a number of their ministers being present. It seemed to me, my dear Lord and Master did, in the riches of his mercy, qualify me to preach his everlasting Gospel to that people. Spiritual worship was largely dwelt upon, the necessity of giving up to the leading and teachings of the Holy Spirit, and the importance of the one true saving baptism, even that of the Holy Ghost and of fire, were largely spoken of; the responsibility which is resting upon the professors of Christianity, that we might not become as stumbling-blocks in the way of honest enquirers was also brought to view. Great solemnity prevailed, and we separated, I trust, under a feeling of Gospel love for each other, many expressing their gratitude for the opportunity.

Not being accustomed to speaking in the open air I was much exhausted, but oh, the peace which flowed through my heart, and my spirit did praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness to his poor, unworthy, may I say, servant. I

returned home on Fourth-day evening, 30th, and looking the past few days over, I felt calm and peaceful, and trust no reproach had been brought upon the ever blessed Truth by me in this visit. Being informed of the death of our friend Elizabeth Haines, wife of Elwood, I left home the second of Ninth Month, went to Medford to see my invalid aunt, Mary S. Lippincott, whom I found in a very comfortable state of mind, apparently waiting to be gathered into everlasting rest and peace.

Second-day morning we went to the house of Elwood Haines, the time to meet being ten o'clock; a very large number of Friends and others assembled, so that there was but little quiet or settlement. It was said there were over two hundred carriages present on this occasion. After the corpse was put into the ground we went into the Meeting-house near by; great quiet and solemnity soon spread over us. I had left the house under much exercise. I soon felt constrained to stand upon my feet, with these words, set thine house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live. This language had very solemnly impressed my mind, and I desired we might all be engaged in setting our spiritual house in order that we might be prepared for such an hour as this.

Several good testimonies were borne on this occasion: may it not be forgotten by any of us. The praise all belongs to our Father in Heaven, bless the Lord, oh my soul. Returned to the house and had a satisfactory sitting with the family and others, then called to see my aunt, had a religious opportunity with her, and reached home the same evening, with great peace and thankfulness of heart to our Father in Heaven.

First-day, 17th.—Went to meeting poor and low, but after patiently waiting for the Lord, He inclined unto me



and heard my cry. I was raised up to preach a close searching testimony. It seemed to be a warning to some present to be careful, lest they might outlive the day of their visitation, etc.

Eighteenth.—The love of God hath been shed abroad in my heart this afternoon, and living praises have ascended unto Him from the inmost recesses of my heart. Keep me humble, O Lord, direct my ways aright. Fit and prepare me, O Lord, for thy kingdom, whether my time may be longer or shorter.

Third-day, 19th.—The company and services of our friend, Morris Cope, were very acceptable at our meeting to-day. I was also raised up to plead with Friends, to close in with the offers of Divine love, while time and opportunity is afforded, etc.

First-day, Ninth Month 24th, 1871.—Having for several years felt a concern to attend Haverford Meeting. My friend Thomas Lippincott and myself left home this morning for that purpose. A number of Friends spending the summer in that neighborhood, together with the teachers, scholars, and some others, it was quite a large meeting for the place. It was no small trial for me to attend this meeting, because of the positions and high education of the people. A feeling of solemnity was soon spread over us, and all fear of man was taken away, and it proved to be a pretty open time, the Gospel message flowing freely in a plain, searching manner, treating largely upon the importance of Divine and spiritual worship, as God is a Spirit and must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. The necessity of keeping watchful, humble and low before the Lord, laying our own willings, and runnings, as in the dust before Him, was also brought to view, desiring that we might indeed be the humble followers of a meek, crucified, and

risen Lord, etc. I left the meeting in peace, many expressing their great satisfaction with the visit, and were very kind and hospitable.

Third-day, 26th, was our Monthly Meeting. Our friend Richard Esterbrook, had a remarkable and powerful testimony, opening unto us in a clear manner the ground upon which the fundamental doctrines and principles of our religious Society rest, and were established by our worthy predecessors; and the necessity of our practically believing in, and supporting them, by a consistent deportment in our lives, conversation and intercourse among men; that a mere profession would avail nothing, etc. It was comforting and strengthening to many of our minds, believing it to be very applicable to our meeting.

Tenth Month 1st, First-day.—Samuel F. Balderston was favored in testimony; but a member from another Yearly Meeting being present, and appearing in supplication made it very trying to many of us, and then in a dry, laborious testimony in the morning and afternoon, which brought much exercise upon those who are made willing to suffer for Truth's honor. Fourth-day, 4th, went out to East Whiteland Meeting, where my nephew, Levi S. Thomas and Sidney P. Walter were joined in marriage. The meeting was large, many being present who were not members. The Gospel flowed freely, bringing to view the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The marriage alluded to being the cause of bringing some of my brothers and sisters from a distance, we thought we might all get together at my house on Fifth-day of Tenth Month, 1871, when we all met for the first time in more than thirty-five years. First in age, Rachel Riker, Levi B. Stokes, myself, Beulah Ann Thomas, Elwood H. Stokes, Enoch R. Stokes, and Ruth Anna Hewlings,

being about forty-nine years of age, and sister Rachel, the oldest, about sixty-nine. It was truly a very interesting occasion. The fore part of the time was spent in social conversation, bringing to view many things which had transpired since we were last together, the death of our parents, etc.

The latter part of the evening was spent in a religious opportunity, which was a time of favor. Our hearts were tendered, our spirits contrited before the Lord, living praises were raised in our hearts to our Heavenly Father, for his many mercies unto us, and granting us the privilege of once more mingling together in a family circle. We separated under feelings better felt than described, not expecting ever to meet again in a similar manner—Enoch living in South Carolina, Beulah in Western Pennsylvania, and the others somewhat scattered.

Tenth Month 10th.—I am often induced to believe if there was a more united exercise and travail of spirit for our own eternal welfare, and the growth of one another in the Truth as it is in Jesus, our meetings would be more lively, and we feel refreshed together, being thus brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength and becoming prepared to be each other's helpers in the Lord.

Having felt that it might be right for me to pay a visit to Rancocas, we left the city on the evening of the 14th. Daniel Wills meeting us at Masonville station, he took us to his house, where we were kindly cared for.

First-day, 15th. — Attended their meeting, which was large, quite a number coming who were not members, hearing there were strangers to be there. It proved to be a time of renewed favor. The hungry and thirsting ones were a little strengthened, comforted, and encouraged to hold on their way, etc. The indifferent and lukewarm were entreated

to deny themselves, take up the daily cross, and follow our Holy Redeemer in the way He would have them go. I was upon my feet for nearly an hour, matter flowing freely, to the contriting of our hearts, a number being tendered to many tears. It was a solemn, good meeting, and our spirits did praise the Lord.

Third-day, 24th, was our Monthly Meeting. Our friend, John Reeve, who attended and spoke several times to business, deceased on the morning of the 27th, after a very short sickness. He passed quietly away, without much apparent suffering, and was buried at Woodbury on the 30th—an other evidence, among the many, of the uncertainty of life, which should incite us to double our diligence, in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence, to be seen here of men no more.

Eleventh Month 15th.—Why is it that I feel so poor and stripped of all good, I must leave, but desire that patience may have its perfect work, when the Lord will arise for my help, as I have faith to believe. Draw me nearer and nearer unto thee, O thou who inhabiteth eternity, and whose name is Holy! Our beloved Friend, Samuel Cope, is to be buried this day; in the eighty-third year of his age. For many years he has stood as a valiant for the Truth as it is in Jesus. He was clear in word and doctrine, and often raised up to preach the Gospel of Christ, with great power, contriting many spirits before the Lord. May it please our Father in Heaven to raise others up to proclaim the way of life and salvation, to the children of men, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In different parts of his memoranda, John S. Stokes speaks of members of the Cope family. There were three of the brothers in the station of ministers — David, Samuel and Morris — all of them men gifted with good natural talents

and much originality of character; and all of them able ministers of the Gospel, and unwavering in their support of the doctrines and testimonies of the Society of Friends. They were natives of Chester County, Pa., and continued during their long lives to reside in that county.

Not long before the decease of Samuel Cope, he stated on a public occasion, that "The principles and testimonies of the religious Society of Friends had been the religion of his education when young, that as his years and strength ripened to maturity, they became the religion of his judgment; and that he could now, when the evening curtain of life was fast closing around him, bear his testimony that they emanated from that inexhaustible Fountain of Truth, which our Holy Redeemer declared would lead and guide its dedicated followers into all truth."

He was naturally a man of resolute disposition, and when the cause of Truth was concerned, it might be said of him as it was of George Fox: "he was undaunted in his services for God and his people." So that when death drew near, he could say: "I find nothing in my way, as I believe my sins have all gone beforehand to judgment, and been forgiven me through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord; and I feel that I can honestly adopt the language, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me also a crown of righteousness."

As old age came upon him, there was evidenced an increasing sweetness and gentleness of disposition, which showed that he was preparing for that Heavenly Society of saints and angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect, among whom he was soon to find an everlasting home.

For several years my mind has been at times turned toward the small meeting at Mount Holly, N. J. And though I am passing along under great discouragement and poverty of spirit, nothing but darkness appearing visible; yet notwithstanding these feelings, it seemed best for me to stand resigned to attend that meeting next First-day,

Eleventh Month 14th, 1871. In accordance with this view, as presumptuous as it might appear, Thomas Lippincott in company, we left home on the evening of the 18th, and went up to our kind friend Charles Darnell's and wife, where we were kindly cared for. Next morning went to meeting, craving that the Lord would, in the riches of his mercy, arise for my help, and preserve me from bringing a reproach upon the ever blessed Truth. Then endeavored to settle down in my own mind, leaving all, as in the hand of my Divine Lord and Master, willing to be anything or nothing, as seemed best in his Divine and holy sight, and my mind was brought under exercise, and I felt it right for me first, to call our attention to the importance of waiting upon God, in the silence of all flesh, that we might, in the ability vouchsafed unto us, be enabled to offer unto Him, true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his holy eyesight. Various subjects were treated upon, and some of them largely. A fear had taken hold of my mind, that some of us might outlive the day of our visitation; and what an awful thing it would be, if the Holy Spirit should be withdrawn from us, and we left to live as without God in the world. Many things were brought to view, among which was the injunction of the apostle when he said: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you, an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God, etc., greatly to my relief.

Fifth-day, 30th.—Attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting. Morris Cope, Abigail Hutchinson, Joseph S. Elkinton, and other Friends not members of that meeting were present, and though Truth did not rise into dominion as on some other occasions, yet we were favored with some evidence that the Lord had not forsaken us, but was still round about us, graciously disposed to do us good; the hungering, thirst-

ing, drooping, dependent ones were encouraged, and perhaps a little strengthened. The indifferent and lukewarm were called upon to examine the foundation upon which they were standing, and give more heed to the teachings of the Holy Spirit in the secret of their hearts, etc. I felt easy on leaving the meeting, and returned home in the evening with a peaceful and, I trust, thankful mind.

Many are the trials, baptisms and discouragements in this our day, because of the many and various innovations made upon our principles and testimonies. The hands of not a few are ready to hang down, and they go mourning on their way Zionward. O Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, be thou pleased, in the riches and fulness of thy mercy, to arise for our help, for we are brought renewedly to feel that without thee we can do nothing!

First-day, thirty-first of Twelfth Month, 1871.—Have I made any progress Zionward in the year that closes this day, has been a query which has passed through my mind again and again, in and out of meeting.

Second Month 3rd, 1872.—W. R., from England, was present at our Select Quarterly Meeting, and being in the station of a minister and not making the appearance of a consistent Friend, was truly trying to many of us. Much was said in favor of upholding our principles and testimonies. A desire was expressed that ministers might minister only in the ability which God gives, etc.

Luke Woodward, from perhaps Indiana, in connection with John Henry Douglass and others, is holding public meetings in the city, contrary to the advice and counsel of the elders, which in such cases has always been adhered to. These and other things caused much exercise, both mentally and vocally. But in the midst of all, it did seem, the Lord in his goodness and mercy condescended to be with us, and

helped us to bear a faithful testimony to the Truth as is it in Jesus, so that some of us felt encouraged to press on. Though we may have much to suffer for the Truth, God will not leave or forsake those who trust in Him alone.

Second-day, fifth of Second Month, 1872.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held. L. W. took up most of the time, speaking in a very unsavory manner, to the sorrow of many well-exercised Friends, but they were favored to dwell in the patience, and it did seem that the Lord condescended to be with us, enabling us to bear all with a good degree of Christian resignation. The business was conducted in a quiet, orderly manner, for which favor many of us were thankful. For truly we have had the evidence this day, that the Lord is still round about us, graciously disposed to do us good.

Third-day, 6th.—W. R. attended, and spoke long in our meeting to-day, some Friends approving thereof. But, as yet, I am not enabled to see how a person can be a Gospel minister in our religious Society, and at the same time lay waste the testimonies that we as a people have ever believed in, and promulgated by precept and example.

That the concern of J. S. Stokes for the maintenance of our testimony to plainness was shared in by other Friends, is shown by a Minute adopted by the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia in 1872, which says:

“We are sensible of the proneness of the human heart to rest in an outside profession of religion, and we would not give an undue prominence to those of our testimonies which render us peculiar in language, dress and manners, but we believe they have their origin in the scriptural and spiritual views of vital Christianity from which our doctrines spring; that their consistent maintenance has had an important influence in keeping us together as a people, and in promoting the spread of our principles in the world at large. The three are closely connected with each other; and the abandonment of one weakens our hands for the maintenance of



the other. We would therefore affectionately impress upon our beloved fellow-members the faithful support of them all, as parts of that consistent system of faith and practice which the great Head of the Church has laid upon us."

The soundness of this advice and the rectitude of the concern felt by J. S. Stokes are shown by the fact, that the dropping of our testimony to plainness has almost everywhere accompanied or been followed by the doctrinal departures which have caused so much exercise of late years to the consistent members of our religious Society.

Sixth-day, 16th. — Attended Caln Quarterly Meeting. Left home in great poverty of spirit and much discouragement. But as the meeting gathered, a solemnity spread over us which was comforting to my mind, and I said in my heart, it is good for me to be here. After a time I felt constrained to stand upon my feet, with a word of encouragement to the rightly exercised and tribulated ones; and way opened to preach the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Elizabeth R. Evans was present and had good service. Joseph S. Elkinton made some remarks in the last meeting, and Dr. Evans was very clear on some points. A number of Friends expressed their satisfaction with the company and services of the strangers. Many persons attended who were not members. It seemed to me we had much to be thankful for.

We are passing through much exercise and concern, in this our day, on account of those who are going up and down promulgating sentiments, contrary to our Discipline and the good order of Society, and thus laying waste our Christian testimonies. May it please our Father in Heaven to arrest this spirit, which is dividing in Jacob and scattering in Israël, and bind us together in the love of the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is oft-times the desire of my heart.

Attended the Western Quarterly Meeting on the 23rd, to good satisfaction ; it was large. Several testimonies were borne to the goodness and mercy of God, in providing a way for the salvation and redemption of fallen man, by sending his beloved Son into the world, that whosoever might believe on Him, should not perish but have everlasting life, etc.

Third-day, 5th.—I desire to cherish a friendly, Christian feeling toward all men, but it did seem to me that William Robinson, in his communication at our meeting this day, evidenced to us in a very clear, may I not say unmistakable manner, that he does not believe there is any importance attached to our Christian testimonies and, as far as I am able to see, the whole tenor of his discourse was to lay waste the testimonies which have been handed down to us and for which our forefathers in the Truth suffered so much. If he does not feel called upon to observe and uphold them, I am unable to see why he should condemn or censure those who feel constrained to uphold and maintain them by example and precept. Have we and our predecessors in the Truth been following cunningly devised fables? I cannot believe that such has been the case. And as far as my observation has extended, our members who have not observed and lived up to those Christian testimonies and doctrines as held by our religious Society, have made but little, if any, apparent growth in the ever blessed Truth, as it is in Jesus Christ our Holy Redeemer.

After meeting, Third Month 31st, went to see our ancient beloved friend, William Walter, Sr., he being quite poorly not expected to get out again. We were mutually glad to see each other. He suffered much from oppression, but his intellect was clear and his judgment not impaired upon the state of our religious Society, or things appertaining to the salvation of the never-dying soul. He was favored to give

his children much good counsel while I was with him, persuading all to maintain and uphold our Christian testimonies, etc. It felt to me to be a privilege to sit beside him, for we did, I trust, rejoice in the Lord together. Spent the afternoon and evening with him and children, returned to his son William's to lodge, and home Second-day morning, well satisfied with making this little sacrifice. I desire to be more dedicated to the Lord and his service.

Second-day, Fourth Month 8th, 1872.—Have just heard that our aged and beloved friend, William Walter, passed quietly away yesterday morning, being sensible until the last, and felt that he would not live through the day, which was realized. It may truly be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

William Walter was an Elder of Kennett Monthly Meeting, in Chester County, Pa. In one of the meetings for Discipline, near the close of his life, he said, he felt willing for the encouragement of his fellow members in the faithful attendance of mid-week meetings, to mention how it had been with himself. In his early years he felt constrained under a sense of religious duty to attend week-day meetings: in pursuance of this, he started in harvest time on foot, for his meeting, some miles distant, and when about half-way there, a voice sounded in his mental ear, "What will thy creditors say, if they see thee neglecting thy business and going to meeting?" He was much troubled by this, for he was loaded with debt. He turned to go towards home, but the impression of duty was so strong that he turned again and pursued his way to meeting. It was a remarkably favored season. After he sat down it was clearly shown him, that the intimation he had heard was a temptation of satan, and, if he would be faithful to his religious duties, his Heavenly Father would take care of him, and provide for him. He added,

that his Divine Master had fulfilled to him all that He had promised, and more.

The writer of this well remembers hearing him in the meeting at Parkerville, exhorting those assembled, and his quaint comment on the text:—"He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption."—"Miserable crop." But having himself sown to the Spirit, we believe it was his blessed experience at the end of time, to reap life everlasting.

Seventh-day, 13th, 1872.—Our Select Yearly Meeting was held this day. Some in the station of ministers, from other Yearly Meetings, not appearing as Friends, the meeting was brought under much religious exercise and concern, for the proper maintenance of all our Christian testimonies; much pertinent counsel and advice was given, and it was thought to have been a good meeting. Notwithstanding many amongst us are laying waste, or endeavoring to lay waste, the Christian testimonies that have always characterized us as a people, I trust there will be those who will continue to uphold and promulgate them.

Seventh-day, twentieth of Fourth Month, 1872.—Our Yearly Meeting, which was large, closed yesterday about two o'clock. Many things occurred that were trying, and well calculated to try, and prove our faith, yet the spirit which would lay waste our testimonies in various respects, appeared to be much chained down, and the meeting was enabled to bear its testimony against all innovations, upon our doctrines, principles, and Christian testimonies. At times and seasons we were favored with fresh evidences that we are not a forsaken people, but the Lord still condescends to be with his humble dependent children.

John Brantingham, a minister in good esteem, from Ohio, and Abner Woolman, his companion, who had acceptably attended our Yearly Meeting, and myself, went up to Charles Darnell's, on Seventh-day evening the 20th, in order to

attend their meeting at Mount Holly on First-day morning, the 21st, which was quite large for that place. It was thought to be a good, favored meeting, many being brought to feel the force of the solemn truths that were brought to view. It did seem to me the dear Master of all our sure mercies, was graciously disposed to do us good. A number who were not members expressed their great satisfaction in being present on this interesting occasion. We went to Medford, to see my dear aunt, Mary S. Lippincott, took tea with cousins Isaac W. and Mary Ann Stokes. After which we had some religious service in the presence of aunt, I think to good satisfaction. Returned to Mount Holly, and spent the latter part of the evening with Marmaduke Pancoast and sister, which was pleasant to me; John had some service. Went back to Charles Darnell's to lodge. Before leaving, Second-day morning, we had a religious opportunity in the family, to the peace of our minds. We arrived home about seven o'clock, under a fresh sense of the Lord's goodness, mercy and almighty power, and of our own unworthiness. Bless and praise the Lord, O, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Second-day, Sixth Month 5th, 1872, was our Quarterly Meeting, a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present, whose company and services were very acceptable, and I trust the appointment of such committee was a right concern, and desire we may all be benefited thereby. But it is all important that the committee dwell under a deep exercise and concern, seeking for a right qualification for such arduous and weighty service. Then the visitors and visited, may be helpful to each other.

The condition of the Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, as well as the deficiencies existing among many of our members, being brought into view, a concern

was felt on their behalf, with desires to render such assistance to them by way of counsel and encouragement as might be called for at our hands. After a time of weighty deliberation thereon, the meeting united in believing it would be right to appoint a committee to join with a committee of women Friends to visit in Gospel love the Quarterly, Monthly, and other meetings, as way may open for it, and to labor as they may be enabled by the fresh extending of heavenly help, to strengthen the hands of exercised members, and render such assistance to all in the faithful discharge of their religious duties, as they may be qualified for; desiring that through the Divine blessing upon their endeavors, Friends may be incited to renewed diligence, to show forth in their lives and conversation a consistent maintenance of all our Christian doctrines and testimonies, and be firmly established on our most holy faith.

The committee subdivided itself, and was diligently engaged in paying numerous visits to the different meetings. A partial report was made in 1873, in which they say: "The love and eager pursuit of the things of this world have been felt to be potent causes of a superficial profession and lukewarmness. Many seem to lose sight of the necessity of denying themselves and taking up the daily cross, in order to become true disciples of Christ."

The committee made a final report and was released in 1874.

I left home on the evening of the 23rd of Fifth Month, 1872, and went to our dear Friend Maria Pusey's, in order to attend the Western Quarterly Meeting on the 24th, as one of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, Dr. Charles Evans, John S. Comfort, Deborah Rhoads, E. R. Evans, and others of the committee being present. We thought we had a good meeting, several being well engaged in the ministry. My way was opened to preach the Gospel of Christ in a clear manner, greatly to my relief.

Returned home on Seventh-day morning, the 25th, with the reward of peace. It is a low time in our Society, and I

fear we are too much given up to the world and its spirit, resting satisfied with a name to live, whilst we may be dead in trespasses and in sins. May it please the Lord to awaken us to a sense of our condition, and enable us to overcome all of our spiritual enemies, is the prayer of my heart at this moment.

Fifth Month 27th, 1872, Second-day. — Attended Burlington Select Quarterly Meeting, which is small, and O how weak it appeared to me to be. Sorrow filled my heart because of the low state of things among us, my way opened to encourage them to more faithfulness in the discharge of their religious duties.

Third-day, 28th, the general Quarterly Meeting, a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present—Clarkson Sheppard, William Kite, Phebe Elkinton, Jane Gibbons, Sarah A. Richie, John B. Balderston and myself, and two or three others. Much was said by several Friends, and I think we were favored with the presence of Him whom we profess to love and serve, even the God of all comfort. The mercy, goodness, and power of our Father in Heaven were largely brought to view, and Friends were exhorted and encouraged to give heed to the witness for Truth, manifested in the secret of their hearts. And as faithfulness was abode in they would grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might, etc. A good feeling prevailed, and I felt very thankful for the mercies received from the all-bountiful hand of my Heavenly Father.

Sixth Month 4th, 1870.—Third-day morning, in company with Phebe Elkinton and Jane Gibbons, members of the Yearly Meeting's committee, attended Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, N. J. To me it was a laborious time. Though matter flowed freely, yet it seemed obstructed, and after standing upon my feet for some time, it seemed to me there

was a strong opposition to what I was saying; but I endeavored to relieve my mind, and felt peaceful for a time, when I felt greatly discouraged and cast down, fearing I had missed my way, but could not see where; I was in great distress. Friends thought it was a good meeting, and said there was no cause for discouragement; still I did not find the peace I so much desired.

Fourth-day, 5th. — We attended Mansfield Monthly Meeting. Very weak and low is the state of this meeting, but soon after taking our seats, there was a covering spread over us, which seemed as an evidence that the Lord, our God, was round about us, graciously disposed to do us good. And He was pleased to enable his dependent little ones to preach the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we trust to his own praise and glory. Our cups did run over; it was to some of us a time of renewed favor, so that my peace flowed as a river. I called on some Friends, who were not able to get out to meeting, to our mutual satisfaction, and returned home in the evening, bowed down under a fresh sense of the Lord's mercy, goodness and almighty power.

Third-day, twenty-fifth of Sixth Month, 1872.—This day was held our Monthly Meeting; several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present. Henry Wood and Deborah Rhoads had good and very acceptable service therein. I think it may be said it was a good meeting, for which Divine favor I desire we may all be thankful.

Attended meeting at Medford First-day morning, the 7th of Seventh Month. On going into the meeting I felt poor and stripped; but we were soon favored with a covering that was precious to feel, and when it seemed right for me to stand up, I felt afraid to break the solemn silence. But it did not seem safe for me to withhold, and I ventured to



stand upon my feet, and was enabled to speak to the people for some time, to the contriting of many of our hearts, bringing many things to view, for our serious consideration. It was a solemn time to me. Toward the close of the meeting, I felt constrained, upon the bended knee, to acknowledge the mercy, goodness and almighty power of our Father in Heaven, and supplicated that He would be pleased to draw us nearer and nearer to himself, and one unto another, etc. Returned home on Second-day morning.

First-day, Seventh Month 14th, 1872.—The weather is very warm. Many of our Friends are absent from the city. Meetings are quite small. Our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, spoke in the morning meeting, on the subject of the Divinity of our Saviour, in a very interesting and instructive manner. There were several strangers present. I felt constrained to bring this language to view: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment; so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation." That He is still pleased to teach his humble, dependent children, as never man did, nor ever can teach, desiring we might give heed to this Divine and Holy teaching in the secret of our hearts, etc. It was a good, solid meeting, for which Divine favor I felt humbled and thankful.

For near two weeks I have been brought to realize the truth of the declaration of our Holy Redeemer when He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." Many and close have been my trials of latter time, and I have felt the need of dwelling in the patience, even the everlasting patience, with my feeble petitions unto my Father in Heaven for preservation and strength, which would enable me to bear all that might be permitted to come upon me. And I

trust love and mercy were extended unto me from my Holy Redeemer, praised be his great and holy name!

Seventh day, twenty-seventh of Seventh Month.—I went over to our cousin, Nathaniel Hillman's, near Haddonfield, New Jersey, and attended Haddonfield Meeting First-day morning. Before going, and on my way, I felt much cast down and discouraged—so much so I almost declined going to the meeting at all. After a time of silence my mind was gathered into a quiet state, and I was gradually brought under religious exercise, until I was impelled, as it seemed to me, to stand upon my feet, bringing to view the importance of silent worship, etc., until I was largely engaged in a lively testimony, to the contriting of my own and many other spirits; it was to my humble admiration. And Oh, how different I felt after meeting—peace, peace, was my portion. After passing through such fiery trials and baptisms, my release from them, even though it may be but for a short season, was a great comfort to me. How marvellous are the ways of Him who created the Heavens, and the earth, and all that in them is. He knoweth what is best for us, and unto Him belongs all praise!

On Third-day morning, sixth of Eighth Month, went to Parkerville, to attend Kennett Monthly Meeting in company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, *viz*: Ebenezer Worth, Dr. Charles Evans, John S. Comfort, Abigail Hutchinson, Deborah Rhoads and Elizabeth R. Evans, It seemed to us that things were in a low, weak state. It was a small meeting. Much exercise and travail of spirit was passed through and expressed, we hope to some profit.

Fourth-day, 7th.—We attended New Garden Monthly Meeting, which was large, and an open time. It might be said Truth rose into dominion, for which Divine favor our hearts were humbled before the Lord, the praise is only his.

Fifth-day, 8th. — We attended London Grove Monthly Meeting, where we were again favored with the Divine presence. The silence and feeling which prevailed in this meeting were truly precious. The Gospel flowed freely, and it was a heart tendering season. May it be remembered by the visited and the visitors. And may we all praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

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## CHAPTER IV.

ATTENDS CONCORD MEETING, THE FUNERALS OF ELIZABETH SNOWDEN RHOADS AND MARY THORN, RANCOCAS, FALLOWFIELD AND WEST GROVE MEETINGS—CALLS ON SAMUEL MORRIS OF WEST GROVE—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF LYDIA B. KITE; REMARKS ON HER CHARACTER AND DEATH; ATTENDS THE MEETINGS AT TUCKERTON AND MANSFIELD, N. J., ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF JAMES DeCOU, THE MEETING AT TRENTON, N. J.—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES AT HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF HELEN SHINN, THE MEETING AT MT. HOLLY, N. J., CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J., THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1873, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT CROPWELL, N. J., BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT MT. HOLLY, N. J.—REMARKS ON UNSATISFACTORY APPEARANCES IN THE MINISTRY.

Attended thé meeting at Concord, First-day morning, 25th, several coming in who were not members; the meeting was larger than usual. After much exercise and fear of standing up in my own will, I felt constrained to stand up with this language, "And he went out and wept bitter-

ly." This was the condition which Peter found himself to be in after he had denied his Lord and Master. Though he had professed great love and reverence for Him, when queried with, if he was not one of them, he said, "I know not the man." While this subject had unexpectedly and deeply impressed my mind, I had desired we might all be willing to enter into a critical examination, in order that we might be enabled to see in that light which enligneth every man which cometh into the world, whether we are in anywise denying, either by word or deed, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. Saying, it is declared in Scripture, that there is no other name given under Heaven or among men, whereby we must be saved, etc., at some length, to the relief and peace of my own mind. Rachel Benington appeared in supplication near the close of the meeting, which, I trust, ended well. I was told after meeting there were several Unitarians present. Keep me humble, O Lord, for all praise is due to thee, and only thee, Amen!

Ninth Month 7th, and Seventh-day, went out to Springfield, in order to attend the funeral of Elizabeth Snowden Rhoads, daughter of Joseph Snowden, and wife of Joseph Rhoads. Many Friends and several ministers were together on that solemn occasion, which was thought to be a satisfactory season. Another evidence, added to the many, that here we have no continuing city. How important to be engaged in seeking one to come whose maker and builder is God!

Third-day, seventeenth of Ninth Month, 1872.—Attended the burial of Mary H. Thorn, wife of Edward Thorn, of Crosswicks, N. J. It was a large gathering, made up of various denominations, and some perhaps who made no profession of religion. Our friend, Henry Wood, spoke for some time in a clear, close manner. I went to the house

under a feeling of great poverty of spirit, and said to a Friend, before we went into the room where the corpse was to be seen, Oh! my leanness, my leanness, feeling stripped of all that had the appearance of good. But as I cast mine eye upon the loved departed one, this language was sounded in my mental ear, "Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power," which, after a time, I felt constrained to bring to our remembrance, and it did seem to me that our dear relative and friend had known something of the first resurrection, etc. And she had been engaged from season to season in working out her soul's salvation with fear and trembling before God, though little known it might be to any but herself and our Heavenly Father.

I then endeavored to turn our attention to the importance of being engaged day by day in working out our soul's salvation. Remembering that there is no other name under Heaven or among men whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus. "And at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth, and of things under the earth, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, unto the glory of God the Father." The Gospel flowed freely and plainly, and there was much feeling manifested by many. They were encouraged to close in with the Divine and holy visitations, even though it might be as at the eleventh hour with some, yet such was the goodness, mercy and power of our God, that he willeth not the death of any, but would that all should return, repent and live. It was a relieving time to me and, as far as I know, satisfactory to my friends. My peace flowed as a river, as I was returning home in the afternoon, and my heart was filled with love to God and man. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I was told afterward there were a num-

ber of unbelievers in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ present. What must the feelings of such as these be in a dying hour?

First-day, Ninth Month 22nd.—In company with Clarkson Sheppard, John B. Balderston and some others of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, attended Rancocas Meeting, which was quite large, a number coming in who were not members. Our beloved friend, Clarkson Sheppard, was largely engaged in testimony. After a time I felt constrained to stand upon my feet, with but little before me. Matter opened before me to my humble admiration. The mourners in Zion, the heavy laden, the faint, the weary, and the tribulated, discouraged little ones were comforted, strengthened and cheered on their way. The lukewarm and indifferent were stirred up to a sense of their condition.

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 28th, 1872.—In company with Charles Evans, Abigail Hutchinson and Elizabeth R. Evans, Yearly Meeting's Committee, went out to Abraham Gibbons', at Coatesville, Pa., where we were kindly cared for—women Friends lodging at Charles Huston's. We attended meeting with them, First-day morning, at Fallowfield, which was much larger than usual. After a time of solid quiet, I felt it right to endeavor to turn our attention to the importance of silent worship, for which purpose we had assembled, desiring we might be brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength and an increase of true and living faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Encouraging all to draw their minds away from the world and its spirit, turning the mind inward, waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, for then it is that we are prepared to hear the gracious words which proceed from his mouth. That He still condescended, in the riches of his mercy, to

teach his humble, dependent children as never man did or could teach, etc., at some length.

Seventh Month 13th.—We made several visits about West Grove and, among others, called on Samuel Morris, who is not a member of our Society, but he generally attended our religious meetings. Hearing he had not been at meeting for some weeks, I felt to visit him, without making any inquiry in relation to his state of mind. He received us kindly; several of us sat down together, but there did not seem much inclination for conversation by any of us. We sat in silence for some time under a heavy weight of exercise; it appearing to me that Samuel was very much depressed in mind and laboring under great discouragement. I at length made some preparatory remarks, and then brought to view the declaration of the Most High, through the mouth of the prophet, when he said, “Why sayest thou O Jacob, or speakest O Israel, my way is hid from the Lord and my judgment passed over from my God.” And to the thirty-first verse, inclusive, Isaiah, 40th chapter, 27th to 31st verse, inclusive. Making such remarks thereupon as seemed to me to arise in the Truth; it was to me a humiliating season, and I felt much for him. My feelings toward him in relation to the state of his mind proving to be correct.

They were very kind to us, pressing us to stay to tea, which we felt satisfied to do. His wife said to me, she was much obliged to me for the visit, it had done her good; which was a great relief to me, as I had felt as though I might be walking upon a sea of glass, not knowing whether a visit would be acceptable or not. I partook of great peace of mind for making this little sacrifice. But much anxiety rests with me on Samuel's account.

I made some calls on the sick, Jane Lightfoot, wife of

Benjamin, in a dying state, we had a religious opportunity with the members of the family and some others, Jane was not sensible, and deceased about half-past one o'clock, Second-day morning, Tenth Mo. 28th. Spent a portion of the evening with John W. Biddle and his dear, invalid wife, Mary, she is very weak, not able to sit up at all, but is so cheerful, pleasant, and resigned, that it seems good for me to be there. She appears fully sensible of her many favors and blessings. I may acknowledge the mercy and goodness of my Father in Heaven to my soul this day!

Third-day Eleventh Month 12th.—Attended the burial of our beloved friend, Lydia B. Kite, many friends were present on this solemn occasion. She was enabled near her close to give much pertinent counsel and advice to her children and others; said she saw nothing in her way, and felt very calm and peaceful, waiting for her final change, and thus passed quietly away, as we believe, into everlasting rest and peace.

Lydia B. Kite was the daughter of Isaac and Hannah Basset, of Lynn, Mass. Her first husband was accidentally drowned while she was still a young woman, and soon after their marriage. She subsequently married James Kite and came to Philadelphia, the residence of her husband. She was recommended as a minister by the Monthly Meeting of Friends, of Philadelphia, for the Southern District in 1853. She was a tender-spirited Friend, and one of a shrinking disposition, so that when under exercise with prospect of religious service, it affected her physical frame. It sometimes fell to the lot of the writer to accompany her on some of her little excursions to meetings around Philadelphia. It was no unusual thing on such occasions for her to be so pressed down with the weight of her prospect, as to feel herself almost too feeble and unwell to leave home, but later in the day, when relieved of her load, she would be bright and cheerful. In addition to these services about



home, she several times went out with Minutes for service in more distant places.

She was frequently exercised for the spiritual welfare of her children, for whom she often prayed in secret, and to whom she gave tender and impressive advice, urging upon them the full surrender of their hearts to the visitations of Divine Grace.

She was removed from earth to Heaven, in the Eleventh Month, 1872. after a short but suffering illness. During this time of trial her thoughts were often on Heavenly things. When some one remarked on the brightness of the day, she replied, "But the celestial city will be much brighter." As the end drew near, she gave good advice to different members of the family, telling one of them, "To mind the day of small things, and be faithful to that which is within." One of her daughters she desired to be an example to her young friends. She warned one of her nieces to give up the world, for there is surely a God that judgeth." Her last words were, "A glorious, glorious, entrance within the Pearl Gates, through faith in my Redeemer. Jesus receive my spirit."

It may truly be said of this dear Friend, her sun went down in brightness.

Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 15th, 1872.—John B. Balderston, Samuel Morris, Jane Gibbons, Sarah A. Richie, and myself, went down to Tuckerton, as a part of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, in order to attend their Monthly Meeting which had been adjourned to Seventh-day the 16th. Samuel Morris broke the silence, with a savory, strong communication, which I thought had a good effect upon the meeting. My mind was brought under much feeling on account of the tried and discouraged little ones, which I think was brought to view to the satisfaction, comfort, and encouragement, of some hungering and thirsty souls. Much tenderness was apparent, and it was thought to be a good meeting. The business of the meeting was performed in a becoming manner, though there was a difficulty of

some months standing between two Friends, both prominent members of the Meeting; and the answer to the Second Query was low. Under much apparent feeling, they said they were very willing to submit the difficulty between them to three Friends that the Friends on the Yearly Meeting's Committee might think it proper to submit the difficulty to for settlement. This produced much feeling in the minds of a number of Friends and much brokenness was apparent and hearts made to rejoice at the prospect of a settlement of difficulties, which were having very bad influences upon many in and out of Society. The committee will do all they consistently can to bring about a settlement, and have named three Friends, who we hope will be instrumental in restoring love and harmony. Jane Gibbons, Sarah A. Richie, and myself went up to Barnegat, in order to attend their meeting on First-day, which was large for the place.

I think it might be truly said the Gospel flowed freely, to the tendering of many hearts, one elderly man wept aloud; great solemnity was spread over the meeting, and after we shook hands, no one seemed prepared to leave their seats, for quite a space of time. Went to our kind friend, Charlotte Tilton's, to dine, after which we went to George Collins', where a number of his brothers and sisters, with their children came, and we had a precious opportunity together, in which I believe the Lord condescended to be with us, so we felt it good for us to be there, all praise be- longeth to the Lord our God! Returned to Charlotte Tilton's to lodge, and home Second-day, with a peaceful mind.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month, 23rd.—Left home for Columbus, N. J., where my friend, Charles Wright, met and took me to his home. He had buried his son Edmund, a young man of good deportment, a few weeks before. They feel it very much. I was glad to have the opportunity of

being with them, father, brother and sister. Attended their meeting at Mansfield, First-day morning. Where I expected to meet others of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, but they failed to get there. The meeting is quite large for these days. For a considerable length of time, it seemed to me, to be a low season. A word of encouragement was given me for the tried, afflicted, discouraged and bereaved ones, several of whom were present, but I felt a fear life did not rise into much dominion. Though I trust the Truth did not suffer by me, and a number expressed much satisfaction with my being there. Yet I did not feel that relief and peace of mind, which is so desirable, and am not able to see why this is the case with me, but it may be for my humiliation. I must leave it with Him who knows the end from the beginning.

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month, 28th, 1872:—For several weeks, I have been looking toward attending Bucks Quarterly Meeting, to be held this day, but yesterday the prospects seemed to close up very much. Awaking early this morning, and endeavoring to see what would be a safe course for me to pursue; after much consideration, it appeared to me I might be excused from going to Bucks Quarter, but attend the Monthly Meeting at Fourth and Arch Sts. This brought me under much religious exercise, desiring I might be preserved as in the hollow of the Lord's Divine and holy hand. Being what is called thanksgiving day, the meeting was much larger than usual. There was a solemn covering spread over the meeting, under which we sat for a considerable time. When it appeared right for me to bring this language into view, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee, He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." As this language had rested upon my spirit, most of the time we had been together, I had said

in my heart, what a mercy and favor it is to lay hold of the precious promises which are left upon record for our strength and encouragement, and be enabled to believe the Lord's promises, still remain to be Yea and Amen, for ever, to all his humble, dependent, dedicated children, that it seemed to me there were those present who were brought under religious exercise, not only on their own account, but on account of the welfare of the Church, and who were often much discouraged because of the signs of the times, but this had always been the case with those who were endeavoring to uphold and promulgate the doctrines and testimonies of our Holy Redeemer. Thus a word of encouragement was handed to the discouraged, tribulated little ones. Then desiring we might all be engaged day by day in working out our souls' salvation, with fear and trembling before God, etc., to the peace of my own mind.

Twelfth-Month 7th, 1872.—Attended the burial of James DeCon, an elder, at Mansfield, N. J. It was large and I think quite satisfactory, Henry Wood, William U. Ditzler, and myself, were brought under much exercise, and gave expression to our feelings, which appeared to be well received, and Friends seemed glad of our company. And I was glad I was there.

Twelfth Month 14th, Seventh-day afternoon.—Samuel Morris, Jane Gibbons, Susan Evans and myself, went up to Trenton, N. J. The women Friends going to our friend Henry Wood's; S. Morris and myself to our friend Philip Dunn's; all kindly cared for. Attended their meeting on First-day the 15th, which is rather small, but it was thought to be a satisfactory, good meeting. Henry Wood was very acceptable in supplication. Many are the evidences of a lukewarm state and indifference to the things which appertain to our soul's salvation. What was said on

this occasion it would seem might have the effect to break up the false rest of some. But Paul may plant and Apollos water, it is God only that can give the increase. And we must leave it all in his Divine and holy hand.

John B. Balderston met us at meeting, and we men dined at Henry Wood's, women Friends at Philip Dunn's. Henry Wood kindly took Samuel Morris and self to William Ivins', where we had a religious opportunity in the family to our comfort. Thence to Ellis De Cou's, who has an invalid daughter. With her we had a very sweet, religious opportunity. We took tea with them and had some religious conversation with the head of the family. From there we went to our friend, Ann Kaighn's, where we met our women Friends and others. Here we were brought into silence and it seemed to me we were refreshed together, so that after the vocal exercises were over we sat a long time, none appearing disposed to break the silence until the evening was far spent, when we returned to our lodging places. A chapter was read and a fresh feeling of Gospel love filled our hearts, and I gave some expression to what rested upon my mind. After which we retired with thankful hearts, and this query pressing upon us, what shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits. All praise belongeth unto Him.

Third-day, Twelfth Month 24th.—Our Monthly Meeting was held this day. I felt that I had something to say, after the Meeting for Worship separated, to our dear young men. This language was deeply impressed upon my mind, and I gave expression to it, "When I get older I will love the Lord more and serve Him better." It seemed to me this might be the feeling of some of our dear young Friends who were present. I desired that none should be disposed to defer until to-morrow what should be done to-day, etc. I felt well satisfied in making this little offering.

First Month, 12th.—Phebe Elkinton appeared in supplication. Samuel F. Balderston followed in a pretty lengthy communication, which I thought had a good effect upon the meeting. After a time I felt that I must rise upon my feet, though in great weakness and little ability to do anything. I said, I am sensible that Paul may plant and Apollos water, it is God only that giveth the increase. While I believe this, I also believe the Lord is pleased at times and seasons to make use of his feeble servants, to stir us up by way of fresh remembrance of the things which belong to our souls' salvation, and it seemed to me there was a renewed visitation, a renewed call, to some in this meeting, and I craved that such as these should be willing to be brought under the crucifying, baptizing power and cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and no longer feel disposed to turn aside from the witness for Truth secretly revealed in the heart. I felt a strong desire that some of us might be willing to examine ourselves, in order that we might see whether our day's work was keeping pace with the day. Some of us were drawing near the confines of the grave, but such was the mercy and goodness of our God, that He willeth not the death of any, but would that all should return, repent and live. Desiring we might all be persuaded to leave the things that are behind, and press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, who died for us that we might live, etc. I felt sweet peace of mind on taking my seat, and I trust my soul did praise my Father in Heaven!

Fourth-day, 22nd.—Attended the burial of Helen Shinn, a cousin of mine, aged about twenty-seven years, and who was engaged to be married. She looked beautiful in death. But I thought I never saw or felt more clearly the emptiness of forms and ceremonies than on this solemn occasion.

The minds of many seemed to be taken up with the surroundings more than with the consideration that we too must ere long put on immortality. A Methodist minister made what seemed to me a very formal prayer; after which it seemed best for me to call our attention to the object for which we were together, bringing to view the uncertainty of life, and we had the evidence before us that the young did die, etc. It appeared to have a very solemnizing effect, and great silence prevailed.

First-day morning, 26th.—My cousin, Edwin Lippincott, took me over to Mount Holly, in order to attend meeting there, in company with Clarkson Sheppard, Samuel Morris, Jane Gibbons and Susan Evans, members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee. It being somewhat known, the meeting was much larger than usual. A comfortable feeling spread over the meeting, and it was thought the several vocal exercises were well adapted to those present, for which Divine favor thankfulness arose in our hearts to our Father in Heaven. We made several calls in the afternoon among young Friends, for whom we felt much. We had religious opportunities in their families, in which they were encouraged to faithfulness, even in what might appear to be very small things, and if this was their experience they would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. Much tenderness was apparent in some, and we felt satisfied with making these little sacrifices, and on returning, some to Charles Darnell's, and myself to William Cooper Lippincott's, to lodge, we were favored to feel calm and peaceful. All of the Lord's mercy!

Second Month 9th.—My mind was turned toward our dear young Friends, over whom my heart had yearned in the love of the Gospel, earnestly desiring they might be willing to yield obedience to the witness for Truth secretly revealed

in their hearts, which it seemed to me some of them were very sensible of, and become willing to give up the fashions and customs of a vain world, and acknowledge our ever blessed and holy Redeemer before men, remembering it is only such as these that He acknowledgeth before his Father and the holy angels, etc.

Deborah Brooks appeared in supplication, offering up thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven for his many mercies unto us.

Third-day, Second Month 11th, 1873.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting in company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee. It was large, and a quiet, solemn covering was spread over us, I think to the comfort of many minds. Henry Wood broke the silence in a good, strong testimony, stirring up the pure mind, by way of remembrance of things appertaining to our soul's salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. After which I stood up with these words, "Without me ye can do nothing."

First-day, 16th.—At Barnegat, very stormy; snow and rain—however, we turned out to go to meeting. It raining hard, and the roads being filled as it were with water, we could not see the rough places, and thus it was that we broke the carriage we were in, and came very near upsetting. But we were at length favored to reach the meeting, which, owing to the great storm was small, but we thought a highly favored season. Samuel Morris was largely engaged in the line of the ministry. After which I felt it would be right for me to stand up with this language of the Saviour to his immediate followers: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom," etc. It seemed to some of us that Truth rose into dominion, and reigned over all. The Lord alone is



worthy of all praise. We all went to our kind friend, Charlotte Tilton's, to dine, and remained there until Second-day morning, when we left for home.

Third-day, Second Month 25th.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting, in company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee. There was a comfortable covering over the meeting. The communications were very harmonious, persuading some in an especial manner, to close in with the witness for Truth, secretly revealed in their hearts. It seemed to me there were those present who had known something of the love of God, shed abroad in their hearts, had known something of the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and who for a time did run well, but for the want of keeping a single eye to the Captain of our soul's salvation, had turned either to the right hand or to the left. And it appeared to me there was a renewed call to such as these. That now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation; if ye would hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, as in the day of temptation in the wilderness, etc.

Attended Medford Monthly Meeting on First-day, the thirteenth of Fourth Month, which was thought to be a time of favor. I was brought out of a very low place, and raised up to preach the Gospel, to my humble admiration, bringing to view the importance of silently waiting upon God, who remains to be a Spirit, and must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth, in order that we might realize in our individual experience, a renewal of our spiritual strength, etc. The teaching of the Holy Spirit, in the secret of our hearts, was largely dwelt upon, and as we could not command these Divine and Heavenly visitations, it would be wise in us to close in therewith. Yielding our own wills up to the Divine and Holy will, being faithful in the little, we

should be made rulers over all. It seemed right for me to express a fear that often took hold of my mind, which was, that there was a disposition on the part of some, after being favored with a good, solid meeting, to enter into light and trifling conversation, thereby dissipating the impressions for good which had been made upon their minds, instead of cherishing and keeping them alive, so that even our countenances would betray us that we had indeed been with Jesus. Great solemnity prevailed, and my heart was filled with love to God and man. Such was the silence and feeling that we seemed almost afraid to break the meeting, and after it was done, Friends and others left their seats very slowly and quietly; the savor of life appeared to remain amongst us.

Fourth Month 19th, 1873.—This day was held our Select Yearly Meeting, which was large, many strangers from other Yearly Meetings being present. Some of them in the station of ministers made no appearance of Friends, and their ministry being wordy and unsavory, the meeting was brought under much religious exercise on their accounts.

Second-day, the 21st.—The general Yearly Meeting convened, which was also large. Much was said in testimony and supplication, which was trying to many Friends, but the meeting was preserved in patience and forbearance, which I thought continued throughout the several sittings. The business of the meeting was transacted in a becoming and orderly manner; and it appeared to me that our doctrines, principles and Christian testimonies, were never felt to be more precious to many of us than on this interesting occasion. May it please our Father in Heaven to draw us near, and keep us to himself, enabling us to uphold and promulgate the ever blessed Truth and righteousness in the earth. We were favored with a precious covering over

the meeting near its close, which was cause of great and heartfelt thankfulness. It was cause for humble gratitude that throughout the different sittings of the meeting the preserving power of the blessed Head of the Church was felt to be present in its restraining and sustaining influences. There were more than usual causes operating to produce unsettlement and call forth opposing sentiment. But the great body of the meeting was preserved in quietness and patience, and the conclusions arrived at on the various topics under consideration, were confirmatory of the stand for the doctrines and testimonies held by the Society which has heretofore characterized the Yearly Meeting.

Second-day, Fifth Month 5th.—This day was held our Quarterly Meeting—a number of the strangers still with us. We might say the whole of the time of the Meeting for Worship was taken up with speaking, to the sorrowing of many, or most Friends. Some of us never witnessed the like before; and desire that some who are going up and down might be more willing silently to wait upon the Lord for a renewal of their spiritual strength. Then I believe the Divine presence would more and more abound amongst us, and our meetings be held in the power of Truth, and we should be edified and comforted therein.

Seventh Month 6th.—O for more deep searching of heart, before the Lord, by all of us, who are professing to be the followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord, more of an inward exercise and travail of spirit, in our religious meetings. Then I believe we should more often feel that our spiritual strength was renewed, and our faith increased in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## CHAPTER V.

ATTENDS RAHWAY AND PLAINFIELD MONTHLY MEETING—VISITS A SICK SISTER—ATTENDS BIRMINGHAM MONTHLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH C. STOKES, OF PRISCILLA W. REEVE, THE MEETING AT NEWTON, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF HANNAH STOKES, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS—NOTICE OF EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF HIS SISTER RACHEL S. RIKER, BIRMINGHAM MONTHLY MEETING—CALLS UPON CATHARINE SCARLETT—REMARKS ON THE CHARACTER AND DEATH OF HER SON, J. MILLER SCARLETT—ATTENDS CONCORD MONTHLY MEETING, CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING—REMARKS ON EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING—PASSES THROUGH DEEP DISCOURAGEMENTS—ATTENDS CHICHESTER MEETING—CHESTER MONTHLY MEETING, PA., THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1874, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J.—REMARKS ON THE DEATH OF MARY H. BIDDLE—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT GREENWOOD, PA., MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF MARY LIP-LINCOTT, OF RACHEL L. EVANS—REMARKS ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY—REFLECTIONS ON VISITING THE SCENES OF HIS YOUTH—VISITS BARNEGAT, N. J.—ATTENDS BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF LYDIA STARR—GOES TO BARNEGAT, N. J.

Sixth-day, Seventh Month 18th. — Phebe W. Roberts, Elizabeth C. Scattergood and myself, left the city, others joining us on the way, in order to attend the Monthly Meet-

ing of Rahway and Plainfield, to be held at Plainfield on Seventh-day, the 14th instant, which we did, to pretty good satisfaction. Phebe and Samuel Morris had good service. I was led in a very plain manner, in relation to bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. Our burdens were sometimes felt to be heavy, and if we were bound together as in a bundle of love, we should indeed be prepared to bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ, and thus become each other's helpers in the Lord, etc.

Second-day morning, I went up the Erie Railroad, some fifty-five miles above New York, to see my dear and eldest sister, who is suffering from cancer. She and her family were glad to see me, and I them, but it was very sad to see my sister in so much suffering, without being able to relieve her. But we were comforted in the presence of each other, and I trust my dear sister was a little strengthened and encouraged to hold on her way, believing the Lord would, in the riches of his mercy, enable her to bear with Christian patience and Divine resignation, all her afflictions and trials, and sanctify them unto her for good. It was a privilege to be with them, to mingle my feelings with theirs. After spending two nights and a day, I left them with feelings better felt than described, reaching home Fourth-day evening, with the renewed evidence that the Lord our God is still graciously disposed to look down upon his poor, dependent children with an eye of pity and tender compassion. All praise belongs to Him, and to his beloved Son, who died for us, that we might live!

Seventh Month 30th, Fourth-day morning. — Richard Esterbrook and myself, as members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, went out to attend Birmingham Monthly Meeting, held at West Chester. The meeting is much larger

than many, composed of a large number of middle-aged and younger persons, which to me was interesting. Phebe W. Roberts and Abbie W. Hall were also in attendance. We sat a long time in silence. My mind was deeply impressed with the language of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria when He said, "The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." The consideration of this language had introduced me into much feeling. For the object of our coming together on the present occasion was for the solemn, the great and noble purpose, of waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, that we might be brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength. We were making a great and high profession, professing to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, professing to be the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord, and to be led and guided by his Holy Spirit. My feelings were humbled, under a deep sense of the responsibility resting upon us as a people, and I desired we might ponder these things in our hearts. After taking my seat I was brought into close searching of heart, but saw or felt nothing to take back. Phebe soon rose with a lively testimony, which was also close. Richard Esterbrook had a close, clear and plain testimony, harmonious with my own exercise, which he pressed close to the minds of Friends, much to the relief of my mind. Abbie W. Hall was also favored in a clear testimony, and thought we had truly heard the "words of truth and soberness," fully corroborating what had been said, for which mercy, my spirit was bowed before the Lord.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 9th, 1873.—I went up to Medford, in order to attend the burial of Elizabeth B. Stokes.

Friends and others met at the house at three o'clock. The company was very large, about one hundred and seventy-five carriages were present on this occasion. Several Friends were engaged in the ministry, in which I had no part.

Second-day, the 11th.—Attended the burial of Priscilla W. Reeve, a member of the same meeting and buried in the same yard. We met at the meeting-house. It was also a large gathering. I had a part in the vocal exercises; it was felt to be a solemn time, great quiet prevailing to the last. Returned home in the evening with a quiet mind.

Third-day, Eighth Month 19th.—Our meeting this morning was much smaller than usual, on account of a number of Friends attending the burial of our beloved Friends, Joseph Snowden, an elder of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting, and Benjamin Maule, an elder of London Grove, Pa. Friends met at Joseph's at ten o'clock, and Benjamin's at eleven o'clock. I felt a desire to attend Benjamin Maule's, thinking it would not be so large as Joseph's. But circumstances beyond my control prevented. I therefore went to our meeting under much feeling and thoughtfulness.

Fifth Month 17th, 1873.—Having for many months felt my mind drawn in Gospel love, towards our friends at Cropwell, N. J. I left home this afternoon, and went to my cousin, Charles Stokes, and spent sometime with my dear daughter, Alice. First-day morning, cousin Charles' son John, kindly took me to Cropwell Meeting, which was not large. We sat for sometime under a covering, which was very solemn. With much weakness and fear, I felt constrained to stand upon my feet, not seeing much to communicate, but endeavoring to watch the opening and step carefully along. I was greatly enlarged in testimony, truth rising into dominion, to my humble admiration, and to the contriving and tendering of many spirits. Great was my

peace, and I trust I was truly thankful for the Divine favors received from the Lord's bountiful hand this day, all praise belongeth unto Him and Him alone.

Fifth Month 27th, Third-day.—In company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, William Kite, Phebe W. Roberts and others, I attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting, which was a quiet and good meeting, Phebe W. Roberts breaking the silence thereof, in a short lively testimony. Hannah Warrington, in like manner, William Kite and myself, were engaged in testimony to pretty good satisfaction, though I did not obtain that relief which is so desirable. I felt it right for me to remind us of the great and high profession we are making, not only one unto another, but to surrounding beholders. Professing to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. Professing to be the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord. And it did seem to me there was a great responsibility resting upon us, that it was all important, when thus assembled, to worship Him, who made the Heavens, and the earth, and all that in them is, that we should have our minds drawn away from the world, and its spirit, and turn them inward, waiting upon God, in the silence of all flesh, that we might be prepared to hear the gracious words that proceed from his mouth, etc.

Fifth Month 31st.—Under great feeling of discouragement and poverty of spirit, I went up to Mount Holly, in order to see William Pancoast, who was suffering much from dropsy, etc., and attended their meeting on First-day morning. It was afflicting to witness such suffering as William was passing through, I was drawn into deep sympathy for him, and his family. It was a time of instruction to me, and though I went in much weakness, I could say I was glad I was there. On going toward the meeting-



house First-day morning, I felt so poor, and stripped of all good that I was ready to believe I had missed my way. But I continued on, and under a humbling sense of my own nothingness, I took my seat in a small meeting, and for some time it seemed it might be a silent one, as far as I was concerned. But after a time of patient, and silent waiting, my dear Master was pleased to raise me up, to proclaim the way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration. It was a solemn, and a contriting season, several expressing their gratitude and thankfulness, with tears running down their cheeks; some of *these* were not members of our religious Society, praise the Lord O my soul. My kind friends, Charles Darnell and wife, took me over to Medford, where we made some calls. Then we went to William Jessup's, whose wife Mary, had died the day before. We had a solemn opportunity with the family and some others, our hearts were tendered and contrited before the Lord, and the bereaved ones were encouraged to put their whole trust and confidence in the Lord, for in the Lord Jehovah, there remains to be everlasting strength, etc. Returned to Mount Holly with my dear friends, with a heart full of love to my God and fellow men.

Third-day, Sixth Month 10th.—We had at our meeting to-day, two strangers, sitting down in the body of the meeting, both spoke, and making no appearance of Friends, one of them was requested to take his seat, which he did not do, until the request was twice repeated, one member desired him to proceed, he then arose and said something I did not hear. Much feeling was manifested on the part of a number of Friends, because he was desired to take his seat. If we were faithful in the support of our testimony in relation to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, much diffi-

culty might be avoided. Ministers would take their proper places when going into meeting, or be introduced to some suitable Friends before meeting. Persons who are entire strangers, coming into our meetings dressed in fashionable attire, subject themselves and their friends, to much inconvenience, and should not complain if they are requested to take their seats. Strong efforts are being made by many to lay waste some, if not all, of our Christian testimonies. I trust there are those among us, who will uphold and promulgate the precious testimonies handed down to us by our forefathers, and for which they suffered so much, even though it be under spiritual persecution. May the Lord strengthen such, to hold on their way, is often the desire of my heart.

First-day morning, the twenty-sixth of Tenth Month, 1873.—I felt a gentle impression that it might be right for me to go over to Newtown, in Jersey, and sit with Friends in their meeting at that place. It being the meeting my wife was a member of all the early part of her life, she went over with me. The morning was very pleasant, and we walked out from the ferry, and enjoyed it very much. The meeting gathered very quietly and we sat in solemn silence, and for a time in poverty of spirit. But our Divine Lord and Master was pleased to arise for our help. And after a time of exercise and travail of spirit, it seemed right for me to stand up with these words: "I am often made sensible that it requires great reduction of self, and to know of all our willings and runnings laid as in the very dust, before we are brought into that humble, teachable state, that our Holy Redeemer had in view when He said, 'Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.' As I had dwelt upon these things, a living desire had been raised in my heart, that

none of us might be found living above the witness for Truth secretly revealed in our own hearts. For I do not believe that immediate Divine revelation hath ceased, but our Father in Heaven is still pleased to reveal his Divine and holy will concerning us, by his holy Spirit. May we then, my beloved Friends, yield ourselves up as into his Divine and holy hand, and not defer the great and important work of our soul's salvation to a more convenient season, for now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation, etc." The Gospel flowed freely for some time, the banner of Christ appeared to be spread over us, and the name of the Lord was praised and adored. Our friend Richard Esterbrook had good service in the meeting, and it closed under a very solemn covering and my spirit did rejoice in the Lord our God. We dined at our friend Joseph B. Cooper's.

Third-day, Tenth Month 28th.—I went over to Medford, to attend the burial of aunt Hannah Stokes, wife of my only surviving uncle, William Stokes. They were both elders in the meeting of those known as Hicksites. We met in their meeting-house. The company was large, several of their ministers spoke; after which I felt it right for me to allude to the importance of a preparation for such a solemn hour as the present. Among other things, I said, "there is no other name given under Heaven or among men whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus. And at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth, and things under the earth. And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, unto the glory of God the Father." The Gospel flowed freely and great solemnity prevailed whilst I was on my feet, and after I took my seat the feeling was precious. All praise belongs to the Lord alone. A number of those pres-

ent expressed their great satisfaction with what I had said, and they were very glad I had been with them. I felt very peaceful, and returned home in the evening thankful for the favors received this day. Preserve me, O Lord, as in thy Divine and holy hand!

Eleventh Month 3rd.—This day was held our general Quarterly Meeting, a number of strangers present. A woman Friend from Indiana spoke a long time, which was not satisfactory to many Friends. How long we are to bear these things I cannot tell, but it is very trying and exercising to a large number of Friends. In the meeting for business my name was proposed for a member of the Meeting for Sufferings, by a committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting to consider of and prepare a name if way opened for it. This brought me under much exercise, feeling my own weakness and no qualification for such a service. A number of Friends expressed their approbation with the nomination, and a Minute was directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings, informing it of the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting. I felt very small, unworthy and unfit for such an important position, but if I can do no good, desire to be preserved from doing harm.

First-day, Eleventh Month 30th, 1873.—Our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, broke the silence of the meeting this morning with an interesting testimony at some length. After a time of deep feeling I arose with this language—"Turn ye, turn ye, from the evil of your ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel." In dwelling upon this language a little, according to my small measure, it seemed to me it might be as applicable unto us as individuals in the present day, as it was to the house of Israel in the day in which it was spoken. And if I was not mistaken in my feelings there were those present who are not strangers to the wit-

ness for Truth in their own hearts or, in other words, to that Divine grace secretly revealed in the hearts of the children of men, but who were too much disposed to turn away therefrom, too much disposed to defer until to-morrow that which should be done to-day, too much disposed to say, either by word or deed, go thy way for this time, and at a more convenient season I will call for thee.

I believed, or it seemed to me there was a renewed call to some present, and I desired to encourage them to close in with these Divine and heavenly visitations, whilst time and opportunity was, in mercy it might be extended unto them. Truth seemed to rise into some dominion and the Gospel had free course for some time. I felt the reward of sweet peace. Preserve me, O Lord, in thy holy hand, enabling me to overcome all of my spiritual enemies.

Twelfth Month 26th, 1873.—This day the body of our beloved sister, Rachel S. Riker, was brought from her residence, in Newark, New Jersey, to Medford, and placed in Friends' Meeting-house, where the relatives and friends gathered round the lifeless form. An impressive and solemn meeting was held, in which testimony was borne to her consistent life and conversation even under most adverse circumstances, and after a time of deep feeling we passed into the graveyard, feeling that it was all well with our beloved sister, and thankful that we had been enabled to see her laid in this quiet resting-place.

A desire was expressed that this sore bereavement might be sanctified for good to husband, children, brothers, sisters, and to all present, and be the means of stirring us up to greater diligence in working out our own soul's salvation with fear and trembling before God, whilst time and opportunity was lengthened out unto us; so that, when we too must bid a final farewell to all that is near and dear unto

us in this life, we may be permitted by the mercy of God, through Christ Jesus our holy Redeemer, to enter into everlasting rest and peace!

Second-day, First Month 26th, 1874.—Richard Esterbrook and self attended Middletown Monthly Meeting to some satisfaction, and on the 28th went to West Chester in order to attend Birmingham Monthly Meeting, in which we both had considerable service and, I trust, to the satisfaction of Friends.

We dined at our kind friend, William P. Townsend's, he and his dear wife were truly kind to us. We had some religious service there, I believe to our mutual comfort; then called on Catharine Scarlett, her husband not at home. They had, some two months ago, buried their only child, a young man in whom they took much comfort. He was engaged to be married, and had passed meeting, after which his health declined so fast he was not able to accomplish his marriage, and died, being a bright example of uprightness and simplicity, trusting in the God of his salvation. His parents and friends do not mourn as those without hope. We had some religious service by way of encouragement, desiring we might all put our whole trust and confidence in the Lord, etc.

J. Miller Scarlett, when early in life, was remarkable for his conscientiousness. His home was then in Robeson Township, Berks County, Pa., a few miles from Reading. He was sent to a school in that city. The teacher required all of the scholars to take off their hats to him, and use the compliments of the world. This, Miller did not feel it right for him to do. The teacher, not understanding his reason for refusing compliance, would harshly reprove him before the whole school, which was hard for a sensitive child to bear. When a suitable opportunity presented he told his teacher that his parents were members of the Society of

Friends, who disapproved of such practices, that he had been brought up in that belief; and that it was out of no disrespect to him or the rules of the school. The teacher was ever after kind and respectful to him, and on his leaving the school told him, "You are the best boy I ever had in my school."

He was diligent in attending meetings, and believed it right to adhere scrupulously to a plain costume during his life, and near its close requested his funeral should be conducted in a similar manner. The day before his departure, he said: "I have been mercifully shown that my way is clear."

Sixth-day, First Month 30th.—We went out to Concord to attend Monthly Meeting there, which is a small meeting, but it was a time of some openness, the Gospel flowing pretty freely to the relief of our own minds, and Friends appeared glad of our company. We dined with our friend John Trimble, for whom my sister keeps house. We returned to the city in the evening. Having, about a week before making these visits, slipped and fallen on the ice, fracturing, if not breaking, one of the larger bones of my left arm, and it being in splints, carrying it in a sling, and several times having to ride in a carriage some four or five miles over very rough roads, caused my arm to be at times very painful. But I was helped through it all, to my humble admiration. All praise belongs to my Father in Heaven. In looking over our engagements for the last week, we feel no condemnation, but are sensible if any good has been accomplished, it was the Lord who did it, and unto us belongs blushing and confusion of face.

Third-day, Second Month 10th, 1874.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting, Morris Cope broke the silence of the meeting with a good short testimony. Charles Rhoads followed pretty lengthily, and in strong language, which was

I trust acceptable to the meeting; I had thought I might sit in silence but felt constrained to throw in my mite, my mind being deeply impressed with the importance of our being individually engaged day by day, in working out our soul's salvation with fear and trembling before God. For it is an individual work; no man can redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for his soul. And we are left without excuse, for the Apostle has declared, that the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us, etc. The Gospel flowed pretty freely, and our beloved young friends were earnestly desired to give heed to this witness for truth, secretly revealed in their own hearts,

First-day, Second Month 15th.—In our meeting this morning, a Friend, (S. F. Balderston), spoke, and dwelt largely upon the coming, and offices, good deeds, and suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whilst upon earth, his crucifixion, ascension, etc. My mind was brought under religious exercise and concern, and after a time of much feeling I arose with this declaration of the Apostle, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high." This, I said, was the same Jesus, who had been so largely alluded to, but his mission did not stop here, for it was declared that to all them who look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation in the hearts of the children of men, teaching them by his Holy Spirit, in the secret of their



hearts, as never man did nor ever can teach. Dwelling pretty largely upon his spiritual appearance, and the teaching of his Holy Spirit, which if given heed unto would lead and guide us into all Truth. And if we were faithful and obedient unto Him, He would lead us safely along, and we should grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might, and we should be brought to experience a new song to be put into our mouths, even praises, living praises, to our God! The meeting had sat long, but it was very solemn, and quiet under the testimony, and I felt that I had endeavored to discharge a little duty that had rested with me, in fear and trembling.

Third-day, Second Month 24th.—In company with Phebe W. Roberts, and several others of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, went up to Burlington, to attend the Quarterly Meeting, it was about as large as usual. We sat for some time under a precious covering. Several of us participated in the vocal exercises, and I trust the faint and weary, were afresh encouraged to hold on their way, not doubting but the Lord would in his time arise for their help. The lukewarm, and those who are at ease, were stirred up, and desired more earnestly to serve the Lord. Near the close, my spirit did praise the Lord for his goodness, and his wonderful works to the children of men. Since the above date great has been my tribulation in various ways. Thus bowed down I went mourning on my way from day to day, silent in meetings, and with no desire for conversation out of meetings, cast down almost below hope, but sometimes praying to the Lord our God, that he would have mercy upon me, and arise for my help. It was under such feelings as these that I passed along until Third Month 28th, 1874, when in company with Henry Wood and wife, and Margaret Sheppard, I went out to Samuel Smith's, in order to attend Chi-

chester Meeting, on First-day morning, which was much larger than usual. A good feeling was spread over us. Henry Wood broke the silence, with a clear, sound and inviting testimony. I was brought under exercise of mind, for the spiritual welfare of those present, and with much feeling, stood upon my feet with these words, "and if we neglect so great salvation, the fault will as I believe be our own, for the Apostle hath very emphatically declared, that the Grace of God, which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us, etc," to the end of the text. Some were brought under much feeling and tenderness, I stood for some time, the Gospel flowing freely, endeavoring to stir us up to greater diligence in working out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling before God, etc. The meeting closed under a precious sense of the mercy and love of our Father in Heaven! Friends and others appeared glad of our visit, and a woman, not a Friend, said to me, your preaching goes right to the heart, and it does me good; and another standing by, said, yes, and it cannot be gainsaid, for you bring things close to our feelings. These dear women with some others were much tendered, tears running down their cheeks. After passing through so much exercise and suffering as had been the case, I esteemed it a great favor to be raised up to proclaim the Gospel once more.

Second-day morning, Third Month 30th.—I felt a little drawing in my mind to attend Chester Monthly Meeting, to be held at Middletown, and Samuel Smith and wife, offering to take me over in their carriage, we set off, and arrived in good time. The meeting was large, and felt solemn to me, and after much exercise of mind, I rose upon my feet with this language, "For the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father, in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him, God is

a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth." As this language of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria, had pressed upon my spirit, I said in my heart, truly it is a solemn thing to present our bodies as a living sacrifice before the Lord, in order to worship him in spirit and in Truth, who made the Heavens and the earth, and all that in them is, waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, that we might be favored to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, and an increase of true and living faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I dwelt largely upon the importance of silent, spiritual worship. But in order to perform true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in the Divine and Holy sight, we must draw our minds away from the world and the spirit thereof. The Gospel flowed freely for some time ; and I felt relieved of a heavy burthen and exercise, and left the meeting with the reward of sweet peace. Returned to the city immediately after meeting, with a heart full of thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven, for a continuation of his Divine love and mercy, unto poor me, unworthy as I feel myself to be. Praise the Lord, O my soul !

From Third Month 30th, to 4th Month 17th, during these days I have been silent in all our meetings under much discouragement and tribulation.

18th of Fourth Month.—This day was held our Select Yearly Meeting. A large number of strangers were present, and perhaps most of whom made no appearance of Friends, and whose ministry and deportment were very unsatisfactory to nearly all of our members. The meeting was brought under much religious exercise and concern on account of the many and various innovations upon our religious views and Christian testimonies ; much pertinent council and

advice was administered, which I desired might prove beneficial to us all.

Fourth Month 20th.—The General Yearly Meeting convened. It was large on both the men's and women's side of the house, the large number of young men and young women, being a striking feature in the assembly. Many of these by their plain appearance, showed their appreciation of the self-denying principles of the society to which they belong; and by their serious and consistent deportment, their sense of the importance of the business for which the meeting convened, which was cause of encouragement to many of us who are advancing in life. There were some trying and unpleasant circumstances, which brought the rightly exercised under much religious concern. Yet the meeting was favored from time to time, with strength to transact its business in a solid manner, and some lively exercise was felt and expressed. Some of the sittings were felt to be favored seasons, and at the last sitting a deep silence prevailed during the intervals, and under this solemn covering the meeting concluded. It might be truly said, that the best wine was reserved to the last.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 25th.—I accompanied Cornelius Douglass, a minister, and John Carey his companion, members of the Indiana Yearly Meeting, to cousin Charles Stokes', in order to attend their meeting at Medford, N. J., on First-day, which was a good, solid meeting, and we all three participated in the vocal exercise of the meeting, and we rejoiced in the Lord.

Fifth Month 25th.—My dear young friend, Mary H., wife of John W. Biddle, died in the thirty-second year of her age. It had often been my privilege to sit beside her, whilst she was confined to her bed, and it was a lesson of instruction to me, to see her cheerful and amiable disposi-

tion, under her prolonged sickness. Her Christian character was fully and clearly exemplified by a patient, humble resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father. I desire to treasure up the impressions that have been made upon my mind, from time to time, when we have been favored to mingle our feelings together, and sit as it were in Heavenly places.

Sixth Month 10th, Fourth-day.—Joseph Scattergood and myself left home for Greenwood, Pa., our friend, Isaac Heacock, meeting us at Rupert Station, on the Catawissa Railroad, and taking us to his house, a distance of some fourteen miles, where we were kindly cared for by his wife and family. Attended their meeting on Fifth-day, the 11th, which was large, a number coming in who were not members. It seemed to me there was a want of religious exercise and travail of spirit, for the arising of Light and Life in the minds of the people. After a time of silent waiting, I felt it might be right for me to bring this subject to view, which I did pretty largely, the meeting being very quiet and solemn. I also desired we might feel the responsibility which is resting upon us, professing as we do, to be the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord, even Jesus Christ, our Holy Redeemer, whom God, in the riches of his mercy, sent into the world, that whosoever might believe on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I was led to speak pretty largely of his appearance on earth and amongst men, of his crucifixion, ascension, second appearance without sin unto salvation, teaching us by his Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts; earnestly exerting to the giving heed to this inward, Heavenly teaching, yielding obedience to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in the heart, etc., until my mind was much relieved of a heavy burden which lay upon it.

Fourth-day, the seventeenth of the month, we attended the Muncy Monthly Meeting, which is not a small one as to numbers. Edward Marshall made some remarks early in the meeting. After a time of deep exercise, I arose with these words: the further I advance in life, the more solemn it seems to me it is, and the more I trust I feel the responsibility resting upon me, in breaking the silence of a meeting convened for the great and noble purpose of worshipping Him who made the heavens and the earth and all that in them is, even God, who is a Spirit, and who must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. From this I went on, encouraging some who seemed much cast down, the Gospel flowing freely to the rightly exercised ones, and a word of cheer was handed to those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Though my mind was pretty largely exercised in this way, and feeling much sympathy with those who are often cast down, because of the varied discouragements by which they are surrounded; yet my exercises were deep, under a sense that there were those present who had not bowed their necks to the yoke of Christ.

The language of our Holy Redeemer had much impressed my mind in this meeting, when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that

house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it." I desired that we might be willing to go into a little examination in order that we might see in that light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, whether we are building upon the rock, even the eternal rock of ages, Christ Jesus, our Holy Redeemer. I was pretty largely engaged in proclaiming the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our dear, aged aunt, Mary Lippincott, passed quietly and we trust peacefully away, on Sixth-day, Seventh Month 3rd, 1874, in the eighty-third year of her age. She was buried at Medford on the sixth of Seventh Month, 1874. The relatives and Friends met in Friends' meeting-house. A large company assembled. A very solemn covering was spread over us. The feeling that appeared to flow as from vessel to vessel, was truly precious. Several lively testimonies were borne to her upright and Christian walk among those with whom she mingled, giving evidence that she was endeavoring to walk in the strait and narrow way which leads to everlasting life. We humbly trust she has been gathered, by the mercy of God through Christ Jesus, our Holy Redeemer, into everlasting rest and peace. And now may some of us, in an especial manner, treasure up the tendering impressions that this sad bereavement has made upon our spirits; and may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is the desire of my heart! She was a beloved member and elder of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting, N. J.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 15th.—Went up to Cropwell, N. J., in company with my friend Richard Esterbrook, in order to attend the funeral of Rachel L. Evans, wife of Uriah. She died sometime in the night of the 10th or morning of the 11th. She retired nearly as well as usual, and was entirely cold when observed by her husband early in the morning. The funeral was very large and solemn. Richard Esterbrook was largely engaged in testimony. Several others spoke, some at the grave and others at the house; and while at the tea-table there was some speaking, which seemed to open the way for me to relieve my mind of an exercise which had rested upon it most of the day. I trust the day was not entirely lost, though it was very warm and exercising. The father and children felt the bereavement keenly. They were encouraged to live very near the Lord, and put their whole trust and confidence in Him, for in the Lord Jehovah there remains to be everlasting strength, and He will never leave nor forsake such as these, etc.

Eighth Month 8th, Seventh-day.—The life of religion appears very low in many places, and the prospect of a succession of those who are not ashamed to confess our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before men, or to uphold and promulgate our Christian doctrines and testimonies, among the children of men, is quite discouraging in most places, but the work is the Lord's, and we must leave it with Him, even with Him, who seeth the end from the beginning.

In going to meeting this morning with my cousin Ezra Stokes, and his dear daughter Anna, we passed my birth-place, which is about six and one-half miles from Medford, and perhaps four from Cropwell, at a place called Borton's Mill, and at that time surrounded pretty much with pine timber. This brought a train of thought and reflection, which I enjoyed, though mingled with sorrow. Bringing



my beloved parents afresh to my remembrance, whose desire it was to bring their children up in an orderly manner, consistent with their religious profession. They had their trials and varied discouragements; and how much I might have added thereto I know not. But I do not remember of doing anything, after I learned my dear father disapproved of it. This gives me great comfort now in the sixty-sixth year of my age. Yet I suppose I was far from what I should have been. Children are not aware of the anxiety parents have on their account, until they become parents themselves, then they can fully realize it. In looking over the exercises of this day, my mind feels serene, and I have so thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, my friends, and the scenes of my youth, that my heart is filled with gratitude and love to my Heavenly Father, for all his mercies unto me, poor and unworthy as I am.

Ninth Month, 7th.—Our friend Samuel Morris, having a concern to visit the meetings and families of Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting, and obtaining a Minute from his Monthly Meeting for the purpose, desired me seriously to consider the subject, and endeavor to see whether it might not be right for me to accompany him in the weighty service. My mind having been much turned toward Friends along the shore, after a time I concluded to lay the subject before the elders and overseers, and receiving their approbation and encouragement, we left home on Fourth-day.

Second-day, 14th.—We called on a man Friend and enquired when it would suit him to give us his company in a sitting, he said he thought after tea, as he wished to have some of his sober neighbors present. He was informed that it was only the members we expected to see, he still thought his neighbors would like to come in; we were willing to comply with his request, and fixed upon half-past seven o'clock

for the sitting. Took tea with Jonathan Cox and wife, which was near by. Jonathan with us, we returned to the Friend's house, where a considerable number of persons assembled. Samuel was largely engaged in a clear testimony, that seemed adapted to the condition of those present. I threw in my mite, to the relief and satisfaction of my own mind. Several spoke of the comfort it had given them to be with us on the occasion, and desired our encouragement in the work. This unexpected gathering appeared to relieve our minds of an apprehension that it might be right to have a public meeting at West Creek, which is near the place where the little meeting was held, thus our Heavenly Father was pleased in his goodness and mercy, to make a way for us in a remarkable manner, that we looked not for. Blessed for ever be his great and Holy name! Returned to J. Cox's, had a sitting with the family which seemed to be a low time. It seemed to me there was rather a persecuting unpleasant spirit present, there being others in company which perhaps closed up the way on Samuel's part. It seemed best for me to offer a word of encouragement to some present, whose faith was often closely proven, desiring they might be enabled to bear the turning, and the overturning of the Lord's Divine and Holy hand upon them, for He would in his own time arise for their help, etc.

Third-day morning, 15th.—Samuel had a short acceptable testimony at the breakfast table. Soon after we took the cars for Manahawkin, where we soon arrived and had a sitting with Allen Tilton and his family, which I trust was a profitable one to us all. Though many are the baptisms we are called upon to partake of, yet if we are faithful, we enjoy a portion of that peace, which the world cannot give neither take away. I think we separated with feelings of Gospel love for each other. George Collins met us here,

and took us to Barnegat. After dining with a friend, we sat down with them, the vocal exercise was plain on some points, but I felt peaceful. We then went to see a woman Friend, and sat with her and her two daughters who are not members. Samuel had good service. My mind was brought into much sympathy and feeling with one who I believed was going mourning on her way, and a word of encouragement was handed in much brokenness, and tenderness of spirit. She was desired to put her whole trust and confidence in the Lord alone, for he never would leave or forsake such as these. I afterwards asked one of the daughters if her mother was not passing through great trials, she said thy exercise was a right one, all very true. It was truly a tendering season to us all, and we felt a hope that a little strength and help had been received by them, to the praise and glory of our Father in Heaven.

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 26th.—In company with my friend, Mark Balderston, I went up to Fallsington, in order to attend Bucks Quarterly Meeting, which was thought to be larger than usual. Clarkson Sheppard, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Emlen, Isaac Morgan, Edward Sharpless and myself (briefly) participated in vocal exercise, which appeared satisfactory to the meeting. Our beloved friend, Henry Wood, was also present, in silence, which was, I thought, a good example, and it might have been well if some of us had followed it. There are times when it requires much care, lest we suffer our zeal to carry us beyond true Godly knowledge, which I feared was somewhat the case this day. Many Friends thought it was a highly favored season.

First-day, Twelfth Month 6th.—Went to our own meeting under varied discouragements, but as one after another took their seats, it felt to me there must be something which induces Friends and others to come to these, our religious

meetings, other than to see and be seen. And very soon there was a precious feeling spread over us, to the humbling of some of our spirits.

Twelfth Month 19th.—Our beloved friend, Lydia Starr, was buried this day. She was an elder of our meeting and a valiant for the Truth as professed by ancient Friends—George Fox, I. Penington, William Penn and others. She was kind to those in humble life, speaking a word of cheer to the faint and weary. Being quick of discernment and having a good knowledge of the Scriptures, she often brought texts to view which seemed remarkably adapted to subjects under consideration. Many will miss her in various ways. May our Heavenly Father be pleased to raise others up to take the places of those who have been and those who must ere long be removed, is the fervent desire of my spirit at this time!

First Month 2nd, 1875.—Some repairs, etc., being needful about the meeting-house at Barnegat, New Jersey, and a Friend undertaking to do what some of us thought should be done, Mark Balderston and myself went down this day to look after it, as the expense is to be defrayed by a few Friends. The house being painted, the sheds for horses repaired, and other things done, though all not finished, yet it presented a very great change in the appearance, looked pleasant and cheerful.

## CHAPTER VI.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ESTHER GIFFORD, AT TUCKERTON, N. J.; THE FUNERAL OF AARON WILLS—A VISIT TO MEDFORD, N. J. ENGAGEMENTS IN HIS OWN MEETING—VISIT TO JOHN WOOLMAN, AT BURLINGTON, N. J.—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT ORANGE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, AND HIS OWN MEETING—VISITS BARNEGAT, N. J.—ATTENDS THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1875—VISITS SARAH WALTERS, NEAR KENNETT SQUARE—PASSES THROUGH DEEP EXERCISES—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY, THE MEETING AT WEST CHESTER, PENNA., PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VISITS A SICK FRIEND—PERFORMS A VISIT TO FRIENDS IN OHIO—REMARKS OF LOUIS TABER UPON THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES OF JOHN S. STOKES—NOTICE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARDING-SCHOOL AT BARNESVILLE, OHIO—THE RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF JOSEPH STRATTON—ATTENDS A MARRIAGE AT RANCOCAS, N. J.—REMARKS ON STRANGERS IN THE STATION OF MINISTERS MAKING NO APPEARANCE OF FRIENDS—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—PAINFUL COMMUNICATIONS FROM STRANGERS IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, CROPWELL MEETING—VISITS SEVERAL FAMILIES—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ANN SHREVE, PUBLIC MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF ABRAHAM P. RUDOLPH, PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

First-day, First Month 10th, 1875.—In our meeting this morning I was brought under deep exercise, on account of the unsettled state of some of the members, and after a time of fear and much hesitation, I arose with these words, "Is

there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there. Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" I added, I believe there is still balm in Gilead, and there is still a Physician of value there who, if rightly applied to, will heal all our spiritual diseases. I spoke for some time in a plain, clear manner, greatly to the relief of my own mind.

Our meeting, on Third-day the 12th, to me was truly solemn, and I felt the spirit of prayer to prevail amongst us. After turning the fleece, as it were, both wet and dry, I felt constrained to bow in humble supplication to the Father of all of our mercies, that He would be pleased to sanctify us through his Truth, his word is Truth, etc.; and trust living I praises did ascend unto the Lord God and the Lamb, who art worthy of all honor, glory, salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth, even for ever and ever. Amen!

Fifth-day, 14th.—In company with Eltou Gifford, whose brother was to be interred there, we proceeded to Tuckerton, N. J. The body was taken to the meeting-house, which was filled with people. A very solemn feeling spread over us, and I was raised up to preach the Gospel, as I apprehend, in good authority, to a very attentive audience, the tears flowing from many eyes. I was glad I was there.

After taking some refreshment, I returned to Barnegat, where James Mills met me and took me to his house; there I was kindly cared for by him, his dear wife and daughter, with whom I spent an interesting evening, our conversation being much upon religious subjects, and I trust to our edification and comfort.

Sixth-day morning, the 15th.—I had an interesting interview with their daughter upon the subject of silent worship, having felt a desire resting upon my mind for such an op-

portunity since my visit to them about two weeks since. They appeared very grateful for my visit and some religious books I gave them, and we parted from each other with, I trust, living desires for each other's spiritual welfare, and growth in the ever-blessed Truth as it is in Jesus, and I feel to commend them all to the keeping of our Father in Heaven, whose mercies are over all his works. Be thou pleased, O Lord, to teach them by thy Holy Spirit and lead them in the strait and narrow way which leads to life everlasting, even in that path which is cast up for the ransomed and the redeemed of the Lord to walk in. Amen!

Second-day, 18th.—Went up to Rancocas, N. J., to attend the funeral of our friend, Aaron Wills. We met in the meeting-house, which was quite full of people of different denominations, and a number, perhaps, who do not belong to any. Rebecca Allison, from Burlington, appeared in testimony for a short time. Afterward I felt I must stand upon my feet, with these words, "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching, etc.

Second Month 13th.—I went up to Medford to see my daughter Alice, and attended their meeting on First-day, the 14th. A considerable number attend there who are not members, and it has always been so since my boyhood, though there has not been a minister belonging to that Monthly Meeting for many years; showing to me clerly that there is something which draws people together for the purpose of worshipping God, in Spirit and in Truth, beside vocal ministry. The meeting was quite large this day, and for a time I felt destitute of all good, but after patiently waiting, and desiring that whatever was right and for the best might take place, willing to suffer in silence or speak in weakness, I was brought under a weighty exercise from the fresh remembrance of this text of Scripture, "Bear ye

one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." After dwelling upon it for some time, I brought it to our view, enlarging upon it to my humble admiration, and desiring we might be brought into feelings of tenderness, sympathy and love one for another, and thus be a little prepared not only to bear each other's burdens, but to become each other's helpers in every good word and work. Much was said in relation to doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us. The Gospel flowed freely for some length of time; the meeting was brought under a very solemn covering, and my own heart was tendered and my spirit contrited before the Lord, under a deep sense of his mercy, goodness and power, and my own unworthiness. After taking my seat for a time, I felt constrained to bow in humble supplication to the Lord our God, that He would be pleased to be round about us, binding us together as with a threefold cord of his love, etc. The meeting closed under a precious feeling.

Dined with my daughter at cousin Charles Stokes', after which Alice and myself called to see Lydia Haines, who is an invalid, not able to sit up, but in a very sweet, calm state of mind. The visit or call was a satisfactory one, I think, to us all. Then to Benjamin Wilkins', whose wife appears to be under much religious exercise, and was not able to get out to meeting, which they all attend pretty regularly, though they are none of them members. I was much interested in the children, three nice, well-behaved daughters, the eldest about fifteen, and a little boy about seven. He came and sat beside me, and we talked about his going to school, etc. After a time he asked me if I would like to see his Bible. I said yes. He brought me a very nice large quarto Bible, well bound and in good order. I asked him who gave him such a nice book as that was. He



said, I bought it; then I said, thee saved thy money until thee had enough to buy it. He said, I will tell thee how it was: A person gave me a violin, and I did not wish to have it, so I sold it for four dollars and put another to it, and in that way I bought it. I was deeply interested in this little account from so young a child. His parents told us it was his own doings; they did not suggest anything of the kind to him. He said he did not like to hear boys say bad words, etc. After tea we had a religious opportunity which was, I trust, a comfort to us all. My heart was drawn out in Gospel love to parents and children, and in this we parted in nearness of spirit, desiring they might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I felt very thankful for the favors received this day from my dear Lord and Master, desiring to love Him more and serve Him better. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me bless and praise his holy Name! I returned home on Second-day, with a calm and peaceful mind.

First-day, Second Month 21st.—On going to our own meeting this morning I felt poor, stripped and low in mind. The meeting settled down, and a good feeling prevailed. A desire was raised in my heart that the people might be fed with food convenient for them, but I had no qualification or ability to open my mouth; my exercises become great and weighty, in this state of mind, I had a hope that our friend, Samuel Balderston, or some other Friend, might feel constrained in the power of Truth to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, a number of strangers being present. My exercises and burden increased, until I stood up, with these words, "Say not in thy heart who shall ascend up to Heaven, that is to bring down Christ from above, or who shall descend into the deep, that is to bring up Christ again from

the dead. But what sayeth it, the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach."

As this declaration of the Apostle had deeply impressed my mind, I had said in my heart what an unspeakable mercy and favor it is that we are not under the necessity of going or running after the lo here is Christ or lo He is there, for the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and thy heart. It had seemed to me that this was the condition of some present, and I had craved that they might settle down in the quiet, to "be still and know that I am God," and not be disposed to look outward for that which can only be found within.

May it please thee, O Heavenly Father, to lay thy hand upon some of the dear young people and bring them to a true sense of thy Divine and holy will concerning them. And may it please thee, O Lord, to arise for the help of some who are at ease, some who are trusting in a name to live, whilst they are yet dead in trespasses and sins; and be Thou pleased to draw us nearer and nearer unto thyself, O God, that we may love thee more, serve thee better, even so, O Father, if it seemeth good in thy Divine and holy sight. Amen!

Seventh-day, Third Month 6th.—I went up to Burlington to see John Woolman, who had been very ill. I should have seen him on the day of their Quarterly Meeting, which was omitted on my part, on which account I did not feel comfortable. My visit to him was truly pleasant, a meek-spirited man, that I felt it to be a privilege to sit by his side. He, with the members of his family, expressed their satisfaction with the visit, so that it seemed to me we were all the better for it, for which favor I was thankful to my Heavenly Father!

First-day morning, Third Month 28th. In company with my friend, John W. Biddle, I attended the meeting at Orange Street. Like many other meetings this is much reduced in size. Much exercise was my portion. As in many other places it did seem to me there was a want of religious exercise and travail of spirit, on the part of some who were willing to dwell upon the surface of things rather than dig deep and lay their foundations low, even upon the eternal rock of ages, Christ Jesus, our Holy Redeemer! But on the part of others I was drawn into much tender sympathy, and felt constrained to bring to view the language of the Most High, through the mouth of the Prophet. I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known, I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them.

Third-day, Third Month 30th.—Our niece Esther Roberts and Samuel Moore, were united in marriage at our meeting. It was a quiet, solemn season, Phebe Elkinton spoke some, after which my way seemed to open with much clearness, to stand upon my feet with these words, And if we neglect so great salvation the fault will most assuredly be our own. For it had been very emphatically declared, that the Grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, etc. Gospel Truth seemed to go forth in good authority as I apprehended.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 3rd.—Mark Balderston and myself, went down to Barnegat, N. J., in order to settle with the carpenter whom we had employed to repair the sheds for horses, paint the meeting-house, build a portico over the door, etc. Attended their meeting on First-day the 4th, which was much larger than usual, persons hearing of our prospect to be there. The silent part of the meeting

was truly an exercising season, it appearing to me there was a great want of unity among the members, and nearly all of these brothers, sisters and their children ; sad and sorrowful was the exercise and travail of my spirit. With much fear and trembling, I at length stood up with these words, Turn ye, turn ye, from the evil of your ways, for why will ye die, O House of Israel. While this language had unexpectedly rested upon my mind with much weight, I had thought it might be as applicable to us in the present day as it was in that in which it was spoken. And the query had arisen, whether some of us were not straying far and wide from our Heavenly Father's House, endeavoring to satisfy ourselves with the husks, rather than return, repent and live ; so that we might be permitted to partake of that living bread which cometh down from God out of Heaven, and which alone can nourish up the soul unto everlasting life, etc., endeavoring to encourage us all to greater diligence in serving the Lord, and loving God, with all our heart, mind and strength, for then we should be prepared to love our neighbor as ourselves, etc. Quoting the language of our Holy Redeemer, when He said, Therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them, for this is the law and the prophets, etc. Reminding them of the great and high profession we were making. Professing to be the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord, etc. Matter flowed freely, and seemed to take hold of the minds of some Friends, and I obtained relief and peace of mind so far as the labor was concerned. But sadness covered my spirit, I then had a word of encouragement to the mourners in our Zion, which was comparable to the pouring in of the wine and oil. Some of these it seemed to me were going on their way, sorrowing and mourning, with their hands hanging down,

and their feeble knees ready to smite together from very weakness. These were desired to put their whole trust and confidence in the Lord, for in the Lord Jehovah there is everlasting strength. My peace flowed as a river. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Fourth Month 17th.—The Select Yearly Meeting was held, it was large; quite a large number from other Yearly Meetings. Some of whom were very acceptable. The sitting was, with little exception, very satisfactory. Much pertinent council and sound advice was given.

Second-day 19th.—The Yearly Meeting assembled, which was large, many young Friends being in attendance. Whose attention and solid deportment was encouraging to many of us. From season to season, we were favored with fresh evidence, that though we are a tried, yet we are not a forsaken people. At the last sitting much solemnity covered the assembly during the greater part of the meeting. After reading the minute of adjournment, solemn silence prevailed, which is caused by the overshadowing of Divine goodness, and is the crowning evidence of Heavenly favor. We believe that this Yearly Meeting has been one of unusual comfort and harmony of feeling, in which there was a living concern for the building up of the waste places in our own borders, a rallying to the fundamental doctrine of obedience to the light of Christ in the soul, as the appointed way to salvation, and an earnest desire that the children and young members might be preserved from the dangers that beset them, and grow up to be faithful witnesses for the Lord and his cause.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 8th.—I went out to see Sarah, wife of Robert Walters, near Kennett Square, Chester County. She is, or appears to be, in the last stage of consumption, very weak and thin. We were, I think, all of

us mutually glad to see each other. It was an interesting evening to me. She appears calm, and resigned, but earnestly craves she may be favored with an evidence of acceptance, by our Heavenly Father. Said her hold upon the things of the world was much weakened, and she hoped to be enabled to give them all up, desiring above all things to know of her day's work keeping pace with the day.

Fifth Month 10th.—Before and since the Yearly Meeting we have had a number of strangers, in the station of ministers amongst us. Some of whom have been acceptable, while others have been very unsatisfactory and trying to many of us. I have been silent in our meetings for several weeks. And have desired our testimony might not be lowered in relation to silent waiting upon the Lord, even to the worship of our Father in Heaven, in Spirit and in Truth, For God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Many and varied have been my exercises and trials, so that at times it seemed as though the waves and the billows might overwhelm me, and sink me even below hope. But the Lord, in the riches of his mercy, has sustained me thus far, and I desire to trust more and more, to his goodness and mercy.

Having been much prostrated from the very warm days we have had, and continuing to feel weak, some of my friends desired me to go to Atlantic City. Hoping that I might be benefitted, went down on Seventh-day the 17th of Seventh Month. Attended meeting there on First-day the 18th, which was large, many not of our Society. Some men of note in the world were present with their families. Richard Esterbrook, appeared in strong doctrinal testimony, with which some who were not members, expressed great satisfaction. Others of us participated in the vocal exercise, all of which was well received, and I was struck with the

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marked attention given by those present. It did seem to some of us, that the meeting was owned by the head of the Church, for which favor I trust we were truly thankful.

First-day, Seventh Month 25th—Richard Esterbrook and myself, went out to West Chester, attended their meeting, Richard after a long silence appeared in a plain testimony, which struck at the very root of all tradition or formality, desiring Friends to come to the substance and effects of true religion.

Second-day, Eighth Month 2nd.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held. It was a rainy morning, many Friends out of town, and some others not able to get out. The meeting, I think, was much smaller than any I had ever attended in this city. The first meeting, or the time of it, was taken up by three men strangers, one from Tennessee, one from Indiana and one from Ohio. They said much but it seemed to me it did not baptize the meeting, but had rather an unsettling effect; and the meeting was hurt thereby. I want that patience may have its perfect work, yet, I do very much desire our testimony to a true and free Gospel ministry, may not be lowered or weakened in any way. But I believe it would be well for some, whilst they are exhorting others, to be willing to examine themselves, in order that they may see whether they are not too much in the habit of speaking to the people, without waiting for a renewed qualification to preach the preaching, “that I bid thee.” May all of us who minister, be more watchful, if needs be, in this very important subject.

Ninth Month 14th, Third-day.—I went over to Camden to see my brother-in-law, Isaac Jones, who has been very poorly for two months or more. And there does not appear much or any probability of his being better. He seems to be thoughtful of his uncertain condition, and looks back to

his misspent time with sorrow. I have often felt much on his account, and desired he might be enabled to see with more clearness the things which appertain to his soul's salvation. It is now pleasant to feel that he is brought under religious exercise and travail of spirit, on account of his eternal welfare. We had a religious opportunity together, which proved to be a tendering season, it being the first time that I had felt at liberty to say anything to him in the way of ministry.

If I am not mistaken in my feelings there is a great want of religious exercise among us as a people. Many who do attend meeting appear to settle down in a state of ease and unconcern, trusting, I fear, in a name to live whilst they are yet dead in trespasses and sin. May we be aroused to a sense of our condition, and the responsibility which is resting upon us, is often the desire of my heart. That we may be induced to turn our minds more and more inward, waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh, that we may be prepared to hear the gracious words which proceed from his mouth and obey them.

Ninth Month 21st, 1875.—In our Monthly Meeting, held this day, I opened a concern which had weightily rested upon my mind for many months: "I trust it is under a sense of my own shortcomings that I inform this meeting that for several years my mind has been impressed with a belief that it would be right for me to stand resigned to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ohio, and some meetings on my return therefrom. And this subject had of latter time so rested with me, that I believed the time had come for me to lay it before my friends, for their serious consideration and judgment." The meeting was brought under exercise, and after a time much unity and sympathy were expressed, and a



Minute directed to be prepared, setting me at liberty to perform the service. Edward Ritchie was set at liberty to accompany me in the proposed visit. I left home on the evening of the 23rd instant, Edward going some earlier. We met, however, at Altoona, Sixth-day morning, the 24th, and went on to Martin's Ferry, on the Ohio River. Nathan Steer was in the place and took us to his house, where the weary travellers were kindly cared for by him and his family.

Next morning, Seventh-day 25th, we went up to Mount Pleasant and attended the Select Yearly Meeting, to good satisfaction. It seemed to me I had a word of encouragement for the faint and weary, and I trust we were a little comforted and refreshed, under a sense of the Lord's love and condescension to us, poor and unworthy as we are. Bless the Lord, O my soul. We took lodgings in the town, not far from the meeting-house, but not with Friends; they were very kind, and seemed disposed to make us comfortable.

First-day morning, Ninth Month 26th.—The meeting was large and thought to be a time of favor. I was upon my feet for some time with what seemed to me a pretty clear testimony in relation to the spirituality of that religion which was ushered into the world by the coming, suffering, crucifixion, ascension and second appearance, without sin unto salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The meeting was solemn, and closed under a precious feeling.

The testimony of Louis Taber, a valuable minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting, as to the character of John S. Stokes' services when in that country, is interesting. He says: "His communications were timely, sound and edifying, tending to the strength and encouragement of many a poor, tried wayfarer amongst us."

Third-day, 28th.—In the Yearly Meeting the Queries and answers were all read and considered. This was a

avored sitting, in which much good counsel was extended on several subjects, and to the youth in an especial manner. The new boarding-school house claimed much attention of the meeting, as well as of the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Boarding School belonging to Ohio Yearly Meeting had been located for many years at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, where the Yearly Meeting was held. After the separation in 1854, the school building, by legal adjudication went into the hands of the Binns' body, who decided to open and conduct a boarding school there. But before this conclusion was carried into effect the building took fire and was destroyed. Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting purchased land at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio; and, aided by private subscriptions from other parts, erected new buildings in a locality much more convenient of access than Mt. Pleasant had been. The boarding school has been successfully carried on there for a number of years.

The meeting was well attended. The several public meetings were to the comfort and satisfaction of Friends, having been favored meetings. The sittings for attention to the varied concerns of the meeting and its branches, were conducted in a manner calculated to promote the edification and welfare of the members; and the remarks made on the subjects included in the Queries, evinced a lively exercise of mind. Seasons of unmerited favor were witnessed at times during the successive sittings, and a good degree of solemnity and order marked all the meetings to the close, Friends separating one from another, with feelings of tenderness and love, under a sense that the Lord had condescended to be with and help us. And some of us could adopt this language, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless and praise his holy Name! Our friend, Benjamin D. Stratton, taking E. Ritchie and myself in his carriage, we rode to James McGrew's, near

Smithfield, after the meeting closed, about twelve o'clock, the thirtieth of Ninth Month. A number of Friends being present, we had a religious opportunity together, to our mutual comfort and satisfaction.

Tenth Month 1st, Sixth-day.—At ten o'clock we had a meeting at Smithfield. I was pretty largely engaged in testimony, Abi Heald in supplication, and Hannah Stratton in a lively testimony. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting, and we felt it was good for us to be there. Dined at John Hoyle's, after which we rode some fifteen or eighteen miles, to a village called Springfield. Put up at a public house; accommodations not very good. Took an early start on Seventh-day morning, and rode some twenty-five miles to Joseph Winner's, to dine—were kindly entertained. Then ten or twelve miles to B. D. Stratton's, where we arrived about sunset, and glad to find a place of rest.

First-day morning, Tenth Month 3rd.—B. D. Stratton, wife and son, with ourselves, went up to Salem, attended meeting there, which was large, and was a favored season. The Gospel flowed freely; many hearts were tendered. I felt constrained to bend the knee in humble supplication, to the Father of all our sure mercies. To me it was a precious meeting. Dined at our friend Edward Stratton's, then returned to New Garden to attend a meeting which had been appointed at three o'clock. This was a large meeting, and I was enabled to preach the Gospel with good authority for some time. Took tea with our friend, Barton Dean. Several other Friends being there, we had a religious opportunity to good satisfaction. Went home with Barclay and Hannah Stratton to lodge. Other Friends being there, we unexpectedly had a religious opportunity, to our mutual comfort and edification. Though the exercises and labor of this day had been great, they were no

greater than the peace of my mind on reviewing the services of the day, after laying my head upon my pillow. Truly the Lord is sufficient for his own work.

Second-day morning, Tenth Month 4th.—Barclay Stratton and wife with us, we called at Joseph Stratton's, he being quite poorly. Joseph, his wife, and their aged mother, and ourselves sat down together. A very peaceful feeling prevailed among us, and a word of encouragement was given me, as I believed, for them, and I trust we were all dipped into a little feeling of tenderness.

Joseph Stratton was a minister who lived at Wadon, a few miles south of Salem, Ohio. He was greatly beloved by many who knew him, for his amiable disposition and the piety and devotion to the Lord's cause which were conspicuous traits of his character. He was often engaged in waiting upon ministers who were travelling on religious service, as well as in the prosecution of concerns of his own.

In 1879 a minister from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting under religious concern visited some parts of Ohio Yearly Meeting. It was the privilege of the writer to bear him company and to be thrown into the society of J. Stratton and family. There was a tendering and precious feeling of love and fellowship, which brought to mind the expression—"How these Quakers love one another." One evening much agreeable and instructive conversation of a religious character occupied part of the time. Rather suddenly, there was a covering of solemn silence spread over the little company. J. Stratton's aged mother, Sarah Lupton, in her eighty-sixth year, bore her testimony to the preciousness of the favor bestowed upon them, reviving the vision of the prophet Ezekiel of the waters that issued from under the throne, and rose higher and higher, till they became a river to swim in. Joseph Stratton referred to a former opportunity in that room, in which a visiting Friend quoted the passage, "Come and dine, and no one asked who art thou, knowing it was the Lord."

Joseph Stratton was not at that time a recommended

minister, but during the course of the visit, he several times spoke in that line. In a tribute to his memory, written after his decease, by an intimate friend, occurs the following: "Very beautifully does the Psalmist describe the situation of the man that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, and abideth under the shadow of the Almighty. "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust." "Because thou hast made the Lord thy habitation, then shall no evil befall thee." "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him."

"May we not say that he 'abideth under the shadow of the Almighty,' who habitually lives in a sense of the presence of God, and with reverence, godly fear and filial love, endeavors to be found doing his will, and rendering to the Author of all our mercies the constantly arising tribute of thanksgiving and praises."

Some months before his death, he had an impression made on his mind, that he should not live long—and only a few days before he was taken sick, on returning home, after attending the funeral of a member of the meeting to which he belonged, he told his wife, that it had been said to him as distinctly as if an audible voice had uttered the words: "Thy days will be few, but thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life." Thrice was this message given to him.

In a few days he was prostrated with pneumonia. He lingered for eleven days before the change came, but with little suffering. He several times replied to the queries of his family as to how he felt, "Comfortable in mind and body." His mind continued clear until the period came when the death of the body gave the spirit entrance into the joys of immortality. He died on the eighth of Third Month, 1892, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

From thence we made a number of calls in and about Salem, to our satisfaction, and went to our friends Samuel and Sarah Street's, to dine. A number of Friends coming in to spend a little time with us, my mind was brought under religious exercise and travail of spirit, which being felt or observed, conversation ceased, and a very solemn

covering spread over us, and living desires were raised in my heart, for our spiritual welfare and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus. Under this feeling my mouth was opened with a word of encouragement, for, as I believed, some often tried and exercised mind or minds present. The feeling increased as I proceeded, until I became more and more satisfied the very words were felt and appreciated by some, and much tenderness and brokenness was apparent. I felt greatly relieved, and we parted under a renewed sense of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father.

Tenth Month 5th.—We visited a family in which was a young woman who had been afflicted for a number of years, this was truly a precious opportunity, the Lord did condescend to our low estate, and furnished food convenient for us. The dear invalid was encouraged and I think cheered on her way. The parents and other children were spoken to in an affectionate manner, desiring them to exercise patience and tenderness, when waiting upon the dear afflicted one, who it seemed to me was not suffering altogether upon her own account, but it might be on account of some other members of the family. She looked so sweet and almost angelic, as though she might indeed be prepared for Heaven! This I think was the first time I ever appeared in supplication on such an occasion. It was a tendering season, the visitors and visited were all humbled under a sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy unto his poor dependent children, blessed be his holy name! From thence we called on a Friend who was not able to go out to meeting, where several other Friends came to meet us. This proved to be a time of favor. The name of the Friend was Jehu Allman, and he died the 30th of Eleventh Month, 1875. How good it is to attend to those little intimations of religious duty; I

can look back upon this visit with great satisfaction and peace of mind. We then rode to Merab Hall's.

Dined at Wilson Hall's, and here my brother-in-law, Elwood Thomas, met me, and after a solid opportunity with the family and others who were present, feeling clear of Friends in this part of the county for the present, brother Elwood, a niece and myself, in a small carriage started for his home, a distance of about twenty-five miles, and it commenced to rain, and increased so much that I feared we should not be able to get along, but we persevered, and after a tiresome journey we arrived about half past eight o'clock, quite wet, and it being very dark, I was truly thankful to get under the roof of my brother's house. My sister and her children were truly glad to see me, they living near New Brighton, in the Western part of Pennsylvania, where I stayed for near two days very pleasantly, then left for home where I arrived Seventh-day morning, Tenth Month 9th, 1875, finding all well, for which, and all other favors and blessings, my soul did praise the Lord.

Fourth-day, Tenth Month 13th.—I went up to Rancocas, attended meeting there, which was large, many being present who were not members. My cousin, Charles Stokes, and Phebe P. Haines, entered into the marriage covenant. It was felt to be a solemn season, the Gospel flowed freely, and the people remarkably quiet and attentive. I felt satisfied in having given up to this, as I apprehended, religious duty.

Tenth-Month 30th, was our Select Quarterly Meeting. We were brought under much religious exercise and concern on account of those coming among us who are in the station of ministers, and making no appearance of Friends, and seemed disposed to take the head seats in our meetings. Many of us gave it as our judgment that this should not be the case.

Frequent allusions are made in the MSS. of our dear Friend to the visits of ministers from other parts to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and its branches; and to the unsatisfactory character of the services of some of these, and to the disregard exhibited by them of the testimony of our Society to plainness of dress, etc. A few remarks in explanation of the position of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting may be appropriate. It had been favored to have in its borders a body of solid, experienced Friends, who were able by their faithfulness to preserve the body from giving any official sanction to the introduction of doctrines at variance with the long established principles of Friends, and which, under plausible guises had been promulgated in many other parts of the Society. This difference naturally caused Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to be regarded with a degree of coolness by many others, which was increased after the separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting, by the fact that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting recognized as the representatives of the Society there, the more conservative faction which many others rejected. As Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, while not officially recognizing ministers that came from progressive bodies, yet did not prevent them from attending its meetings, it became a place to which many of different views resorted. For a time it seemed as if many preachers of this class were making a positive effort to effect a change in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting favorable to their views, so that it might join with them in the progressive movements on which they had entered. But the Divine blessing on the firmness and faithfulness of those on whom the burthens of the Church mainly rested, frustrated their hopes, and in a few years the number of such visitors was considerably lessened.

First-day, Tenth Month 31st.—This language pressed upon my spirit very soon after taking my seat in our meeting, “Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God! I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” After much exercise I felt it right to bring



it to our remembrance, and was upon my feet for some time.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 1st, was our Quarterly Meeting, a number of strangers present, one of whom took up much of the time, in a very unsatisfactory manner to many Friends. It was not a time of abounding, but sorrow and sadness covered some of our spirits, because of the many voices in our midst.

Third-day, 21st of Twelfth Month.—Two strangers attended our meeting this day. They both spoke at some length in a most unsatisfactory manner. One said in a most emphatic language, that his sins had gone beforehand to judgment, and he knew his name was written in the Lamb's book of life; several left the meeting. The other's communication was exceedingly trying, it seemed to me as the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal.

Third-day, First Month 11th, 1876.—D. C. was at our meeting, and we had a very unsatisfactory communication from him. I am unable to see that he is a Friend in principle or practice. To say the least of it, it does appear unkind for persons to impose themselves upon us, who are disregarding our doctrines and Christian testimonies.

Second Month 5th, 1876.—Our Select Quarterly Meeting was held this morning. The meeting was brought under deep exercise on account of the many departures from our practices, principles and Christian testimonies. Much expression was given in support of upholding and promulgating our doctrines and testimonies. But some Friends remain silent in relation to these things, otherwise we had a good meeting, as Truth did seem to reign over all.

Second-day, 7th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was held, the first meeting to pretty good satisfaction. But the meeting for business was a very trying one. Allusion was

made to the many and various innovations upon our testimonies and practices, when some of our members arose and deliberately informed the meeting that they and their families had received great benefit from attending the meetings of other denominations, or those not held according to the discipline of the religious Society of Friends. This brought the meeting under deep religious exercise, and there was considerable said upon the subject. But it was believed the Truth prevailed over all. It was a trying time, yet it was thought Friends were patient under suffering. Many of us feel discouraged, but we must endeavor to put our trust in the Lord, who is still able to carry on his own work, either by many or by few.

Second Month 13th.—After attending Cropwell Meeting we dined with Samuel Lippincott and wife, young Friends, for whom I felt a deep interest. We then went a short distance to see his uncle, Clayton Lippincott, a second cousin of mine. He is suffering with gangrene in his toes and foot. He suffered much, but appeared patient. We had a religious opportunity, which I think was to our mutual comfort and edification; then returned to Samuel Lippincott's, where we had a sitting with him and his pleasant wife, which was to the relief of my mind and, I think, acceptable to them. From thence to Thomas Evans', who was very low and suffering much; we were with him but a short time; a very solemn feeling prevailed over us, and some remarks were made, which seemed affecting to us all; he appeared grateful for the call, and we were all brought into much tenderness. Then called on a Friend who was taken very ill the day before, but was better, so that he met us at the door and invited us in. From thence to Uriah Evans', who had been confined to the house for some months, and sometimes very ill. He was able to sit up in his chair, and

was much more comfortable than a few days before. We took tea with his three interesting daughters, after which we had a sitting in his room, which was a heart-tendering season to us all, and hope will not be forgotten by any of us. By the time this was over it was quite dark, but we rode to my cousin's, where my daughter Alice is staying, to lodge; Ellwood Haines going home.

Next morning, Second-day, 14th, I called on some invalids to good satisfaction, and then, in company with cousin Charles' family, and daughter Alice, we went to the funeral of our cousin Ann Shreeve, who was to be buried from her son's, near Mount Laurel. Many persons were there, and it seemed quite solemn. After a time some person began to speak in a very unsatisfactory manner, pressing upon us the importance of observing the moral law, but nothing in reference to the spirituality of religion.

Without any reference to what had been said, I felt it was right for me to take up that part of the subject, which I did briefly, to the satisfaction of my own mind; and from the feeling which spread over us after taking my seat, it seemed evident that it had a settling and solemnizing effect upon those assembled, for which favor I was truly thankful to the Father of all our sure mercies. Blessed forever be his holy Name! Returned home in the afternoon, feeling thankful for the opportunity of attending to these little services of apprehended duty.

Second Month 20th.—In the evening I attended a meeting on York Street appointed by David Heston, which was large and quiet. David spoke for some time, I thought to good satisfaction, and it appeared well adapted to the occasion. Another Friend said considerable, and I felt to throw in my mite, which I did as briefly as I could. I was satisfied with being there, and I trust did no harm. The people

were very kind, and offered their house at any time we might wish to hold another meeting. The Lord was very gracious to me this day, for all was of his mercy. Blessed, yea, blessed forever, be his great and holy Name!

Seventh-day, Third Month 4th.—Went down to Woodbury to attend the funeral of Abram P. Rudolph, he being held in good esteem as a Friend and citizen; it was a large gathering and a solemn season, a number of communications, at the house and beside the grave, which were, I believe, to good satisfaction. Elizabeth Allen, William U. Ditzler and myself remained and attended the meeting there on First-day morning, which was large, and a favored season. The hearts of the people seemed prepared to receive the Gospel of Christ, and it appeared that tendering impressions had been made upon many minds. All praise, glory and honor belongeth to our God and his beloved Son, our holy Redeemer.

In the afternoon I called on several invalids, and those who were afflicted, as well as the bereaved children. The dear girls bear their great loss with much Christian resignation, and speak of it in a manner becoming persons of greater age and religious experience; it did my heart good to be with them. The several calls made this day were to my own satisfaction and peace. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for his mercies endure forever!

Third Month 26th.—In the evening I attended a meeting on York Street, up town, appointed by David Heston, who spoke at considerable length; Samuel Morris and myself threw in our mites, and while the meeting was to most a satisfactory one, I feared Truth did not rise into as much dominion as in some other meetings I had attended with him, but we were favored beyond our deserts.

First-day evening, Fourth Month 2nd.—Attended a meet-

ing appointed by David Heston, in a house belonging to the Baptists; it was large and very quiet, the Gospel flowed freely. Great attention was given to what was said, and the people kept their seats for some minutes after the meeting closed. They invited us to come again. It was felt to be a precious, good meeting. All praise is due to our Heavenly Father, who condescended to be with and help us. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

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## CHAPTER VII.

ATTENDS HIS OWN MEETING, A PUBLIC MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1876—REMARKS ON FORWARD SPIRITS—ATTENDS A MARRIAGE AT BUCKINGHAM, PENNA., A PUBLIC MEETING AT BERLIN, N. J.—CONCERN ON BEHALF OF HIS FELLOW-MEMBERS—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIVINE FAVORS—ATTENDS A PUBLIC MEETING AT WILLISTOWN, PA., SEVERAL MEETINGS IN THE CITY—REMARKS UPON STRANGERS PRESENT—PERFORMS A VISIT TO MEETINGS IN OHIO AND IOWA.—THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HICKORY GROVE QUARTERLY MEETING—ATTENDS BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE IOWA YEARLY MEETING OF 1877.

Third-day, Fourth Month 4th, 1876.—We had a favored meeting this morning. It did seem that spiritual worship was experienced by some, and offered up to our Father in Heaven, who must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. I had a short testimony to bear to the mercy, goodness, loving kindness and almighty power of our God; which seemed to settle upon the meeting as dew upon the tender grass. Some of our hearts were tendered and contrited before the Lord.

Second-day, Fourth Month 10th.—Attended a meeting on Lehigh Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, appointed by David Heston. It is not very much built up in this part of the city, and the meeting was small, but I thought the dear Master of our assemblies condescended to be with us. David said considerable that seemed well adapted to those that were present. I at length said I had been deeply impressed with the precious promise of our holy Redeemer, when He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." It felt to me this promise had been realized by us on the present solemn occasion, He teaching us by his holy Spirit as never man taught. The feeling which spread over us was truly precious.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 15th.—Our Select Yearly Meeting was held. A stranger from England was present; he makes no appearance of a Friend, and made some very strong remarks in relation to our position as a Yearly Meeting, saying we were commanded not to judge by the appearance but judge righteous judgment; but we had reversed this injunction, and judged according to the appearance and not according to righteous judgment, etc., in what seemed to be an excited manner. Several persons from the West who made no appearance of Friends, but who stood, or stand, in the station of ministers, took very much the same ground; saying, they dressed more simply than we, and yet we could not distinguish them from the people of the world. They all strongly denounced our course. But notwithstanding all this, and more, we were favored at times with a precious covering, wherein we were brought to feel, that our dear Lord and Master had not forsaken or forgotten his humble, dependent, trusting children, and thus

some of our hearts did rejoice together under a sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy unto us.

The Yearly Meeting convened Second-day, the seventeenth of Fourth Month. A very solemn covering spread over us before entering upon the business of the meeting. We were subjected to many trials and brought under much exercise on account of the strangers that were amongst us. But Truth did seem to prevail over all, and many were the evidences that we are not a forsaken people. After transacting the business the meeting closed under a solemn and tendering covering for good.

In reviewing the proceedings of this Yearly Meeting, the most noticeable feature that presents, is the determined effort that was made to force the Yearly Meeting from the maintenance of its long-established testimony to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel. Those most conspicuous in this effort were members of other Yearly Meetings. We think, in opposing the religious concern of the meeting to support its Discipline and former advices to its members, they went beyond the proper limits of the freedom which is allowed to Friends in their visits to meetings of which they are not members, and thus were instrumental in causing most of the unsettlement which was exhibited in some of the sittings. Notwithstanding this and some other things, the dignity of the meeting was generally well preserved; a religious exercise attended its different sittings; and we believe it may be said, that the judgment of Truth, in the authority thereof, was laid on that spirit which is seeking to lead our members away from the doctrines and testimonies held by Friends from their early days. Many of us feel that we have much to be thankful for, and my desire is that we may keep humble and bow before the Lord, re-

membering his love and tender mercy toward us, poor and unworthy as we are. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

On the ninth of Fifth Month, my wife and myself went to Benjamin Wiggins', in Bucks County, where we were kindly cared for, and on the 10th attended their meeting at Buckingham. Uriah Borton, of Rancocas, N. J., and Benjamin Wiggins' daughter Rachel, entered into the marriage covenant. It was thought to be a good meeting. I was upon my feet for some time in an encouraging manner to some who, it appeared to me, were under great trial. Then the exercise seemed to run pretty close toward some who might be in a state of ease, and even lukewarmness, but I felt peaceful. We dined with the company and returned home in the evening feeling satisfied with having given up to this little service.

First-day, Sixth Month 4th.—This language was deeply impressed upon my mind. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near, let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and turn to the Lord, for He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." I believed this declaration was as true now, as when it emanated from the Most High through the mouth of the Prophet.

Sixth-day 24th.—I went over to Berlin, N. J., in company with David Heston and Joseph Walton, David having a meeting appointed at that place in the evening, which for the time and place, was pretty large. David was engaged in testimony and supplication, and I threw in my mite to my own peace. The people were very kind and pressed us to come and sit with them some First-day eve, when the house would be filled. This I suppose would be the case but we gave them no reason to expect us, and parted with them with strong desires for their welfare. I believe we



left "an open door behind us." I returned home Seventh-day morning, feeling satisfied with this little sacrifice. Though it caused me much mental exercise. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven.

Seventh Month 24th.—Our meetings are small, many Friends being in the country, and I have felt a little bound to stay at home, and do what I could to help keep up our meetings; strangers continuing to come and sit with us in an orderly manner. I have been brought under much religious exercise and concern for the welfare, not only of our members, but of those who come amongst us, and desire we may be preserved from appearing as stumbling blocks in the way of honest enquirers; but that others seeing our good works may be prepared to glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

First-day, Seventh Month 30th.—Our hearts were made thankful for a refreshing rain this morning. Though our meeting was smaller on account of it. But our Heavenly Father condescended in his tender love and mercy to be in our midst, tendering our hearts and contriting our spirits before Him. I had a short testimony, encouraging some of us more fully to draw near to our Heavenly Father in spirit, for it did seem to me he was graciously disposed to look down upon us with an eye of pity and tender compassion.

Eighth Month 20th.—At three o'clock in the afternoon went to a meeting at Willistown, appointed by our dear friend, Phebe W. Roberts, wife of Jacob Roberts. They had buried a dear daughter a few days before, and some of us felt more than willing to attend the meeting with them. It was large and solemn, Phebe being favored in testimony. Several others appeared in testimony, I dwelt pretty largely upon the spirituality of that religion which was ushered into the world by the coming of our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ. Great solemnity prevailed, and much satisfaction was expressed in relation to the meeting, several saying they wished they could have such meetings every week. Phebe seemed greatly relieved, and I thought we all were the better for meeting together for the purpose of Divine worship.

Eleventh Month 8th.—From Eighth Month 21st, I have attended all our meetings in the city as they have come in course, and they have been attended by a large number of strangers from different parts of our country. Their deportment, and attention to what was said at times seemed to me to be an encouragement for us to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We, as I believe, were favored with many precious meetings, and for which we desire to give our Heavenly Father all the praise. Blessed for ever be the name of our God, and his beloved son, our Holy Redeemer, to whom belongeth all glory, honor, salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth, even for ever and ever. Amen!

For several years my mind had been drawn, as I apprehend in the love of the Gospel, towards Friends in Iowa, and also to attend some meetings in Ohio; on the way going and returning.

Twenty-fourth of Tenth Month.—I laid this concern before our Monthly Meeting, much unity and sympathy were expressed, and a Minute was granted setting me at liberty to perform the service. Our friend, Edward Richie obtained a Minute to bear me company.

The meetings in Iowa which J. S. Stokes especially felt drawn to visit, were those of Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting, a branch of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

At the time when emigrants from the more eastern of

our Western States were pouring into that country, many of the members of Ohio Yearly Meeting sought homes there, induced by the cheapness and fertility of the land.

A resident in the older settled section of the country, who had a family of sons growing up around him, would feel that in Iowa there was a reasonable prospect of his being able to start each of his sons in life, with a farm of sufficient size to enable him to support himself, which he could scarcely hope to do, where land commanded a higher price.

Owing to the separation which had taken place in 1854, and the fact that the meetings to the west of Ohio had connected themselves with the Binns' body, there was no meeting in unity with Ohio Yearly Meeting, to which certificates of removal could be sent. This rendered it advisable for Ohio Yearly Meeting to establish meetings there subordinate to itself, and thus Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting came to be set up.

It was a large Quarterly Meeting, and among its members were many solid Friends.

In 1879 another visit to Iowa was paid by a minister from Philadelphia. He found that the increasing departures from our doctrines and practices, by those connected with what bore the name of "Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends," had caused several of their thoughtful members to withdraw from their meetings, and these have now associated themselves as a Yearly Meeting, independent of the one they formerly belonged to.

We left home on the Ninth of Eleventh Month. Attended Salem Select Quarterly Meeting, in Ohio, on the afternoon of Eleventh Month 10th. Very deep were my exercises and travail of soul, for it did seem to me, that vital religion was very low, and some things very much out of order. My vocal exercise was plain, calling upon Friends to be willing to examine themselves, in order that they might see in that light which enlightens every man that cometh into the world, what it is that is retarding their progress Zionward. And then endeavor to remove it out of the way.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 11th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was held. Much close labor was meted out to a large company, though I believe there are many rightly exercised Friends in that Quarterly Meeting. I felt much relieved of a heavy burden, but very sad were my feelings because of the great want of a religious exercise and travail of soul among the members, for the welfare of themselves and the Church!

We went to Phebe Wickersham's to dine, with many Friends, and soon after left for Middleton, a distance of ten or twelve miles, the roads being very wet and muddy, we did not reach Martha Blackburn's until sometime after dark, but were kindly entertained.

First-day the 12th, attended Middleton Meeting, which was much larger than usual. It was a time of renewed favor, our Heavenly Father condescending to be with and help us. It was a relieving season, for which I trust we were thankful. Called on several invalids to good satisfaction through the course of the afternoon. Thomas Y. French, of Salem, being with us, we returned to his mother-in-law's, who has several daughters, and they are more than willing to wait upon their friends. We returned to Salem Second-day, making some calls upon Friends. And on Fourth-day morning, about half-past four o'clock, it being dark, rainy, and very muddy, our kind friend, Samuel Street, and his son-in-law, took us to the station to start for Iowa, and we arrived at our dear friend, Elizabeth R. Bedell's, on Fifth-day afternoon, about five o'clock, where we were most kindly entertained, though entire strangers to each other. We were very soon brought into a nearness of feeling, and bound together in the love of the Gospel. She lives near Springville, Linn County, and her's was the first Friend's house we were in after leaving Salem, Ohio. It did seem a great

privilege to sit down with congenial spirits after being exposed to public travel for even a day or two. I did enjoy it very much.

Sixth-day, the 17th of the Month, we attended Springville Select Preparative Meeting, held at or near Hopewell. A woman Friend acted as clerk, and appeared to discharge the duties resting upon her with ease to herself and to the satisfaction of her friends. In religious meetings there is great need of our keeping alive to the subject for which we assemble, and to have our minds turned inward, waiting upon the Lord in the silence of all flesh, that we may be brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength. This religious exercise is greatly needed in many places!

Seventh-day, the 18th of Eleventh Month.—We attended Springville Monthly Meeting, held at Hopewell, which was quite large, I was much surprised to see so many elderly people in this newly settled county, perhaps it is partially on account of parents following their children. It was felt to be a good, solid meeting, the Gospel message flowing freely to the tendering of many Friends' spirits. After our Minutes were read, a considerable number of Friends expressed their unity with my company and Gospel labors, and a returning Minute was directed to be offered me, signed by the clerk, which was more than I expected.

Dined at Benjamin Talbot's very pleasantly, and was interested in his family.

First-day, 19th.—Attended Springville Meeting, which was very large, and a favored season. The way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them, to the relief and peace of my own mind. There is a spirit thereaway, which if not checked will destroy the good in very many Friends, I endeavored to discharge my duty toward them. Dined at

Joseph Patterson's; a number of Friends coming in we had a religious opportunity to some satisfaction. Returned to our lodgings in the evening, feeling calm and peaceful.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 20th.—Called on Isaac Vernon, who was confined to his bed, unable to move hand or foot without help. Had the power of speech, but otherwise in a pitiable condition.

Then called on a family who had buried a son but a few months or weeks before, here our hearts were tendered, and our spirits contrited before the Lord. We parted under much deep feeling. It was some time after, before I felt that I could say one word about anything. O, if I could only have lived with this precious feeling, how glad I should be, but the fresh remembrance of it does me good. Dined at Tilman Patterson's very pleasantly.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 21st.—Made a call on some Friends, and then went to West Branch, a distance of about fifty miles. Joseph Hall met us at the station, and took us to his home about three miles. Having met him and his dear wife in Ohio, more than a year before, I was quite willing to take up my abode under their hospitable roof, and truly kind they were.

Fourth-day, 22nd.—I went to West Liberty to see some cousins of mine, and spent the night with them.

Fifth-day morning 23rd.—Took an early train for Davenport, about forty miles, and made a very pleasant visit to some Friends, I crossed the noble Mississippi twice at that place, which I enjoyed very much. Returned to West Liberty in the evening, and took a late train for West Branch, James Penrose meeting me at the station, took me to his home, where I was kindly cared for.

Sixth-day 24th.—Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting

of Hickory Grove, to pretty good satisfaction. My labors of Gospel love were well received.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 25th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was held; very soon after taking my seat, Asa Garretson, from Ohio, came into the meeting, and very soon two women Friends but who I could not tell for a time; but they proved to be Hannah Stratton, a minister from Ohio, and Ruth Garretson. Hannah had considerable to say, which was as I thought very acceptable and satisfactory. After a time of deep exercise and much fear, I stood upon my feet, with these words, “and he went out and wept bitterly.” This was the condition that Peter found himself in after he had thrice denied his Lord and Master. And it had seemed to me it would not harm the very best of us to go into a critical examination in order that we might see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether we are denying our Holy Redeemer either by word or deed. The subject had pressed upon my spirit, and very solemn were my feelings, and I had afresh remembered the injunction, “take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” I was upon my feet for a considerable length of time, the Gospel flowing freely, to the tendering of many hearts. I left the meeting in a feeling of sweet peace.

Went to John Thomas’ to lodge. There being a large number present, conversation ceased, and a time of solemn silence ensued, which was broken by our friend, Hannah Stratton, in a savory testimony, and I threw in my mite. It was an interesting occasion. The young Friends appeared interested and edified. Some of these opportunities will, I trust, be long remembered by some of us; and may

we all treasure them up in our hearts, for these precious seasons are not at our command !

First-day, Eleventh Month 26th, 1876. — The meeting-house at Hickory Grove was as full as it could well be, the aisles, steps, etc., were all filled with people of various persuasions and beliefs. The covering spread over us was very precious. There were several communications before my way was clear to stand up ; and after doing so, I was enabled to relieve my mind of a heavy burden and exercise which had rested upon it ; encouraging Friends to be more spiritually minded, more willing to come under the crucifying, baptizing power and cross of Christ, our Holy Redeemer. The Gospel message flowed freely, to the tendering of many hearts, and contriting our spirits before the Lord, under a renewed sense of his extended mercies and tender love unto us, his dependent little ones. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name ! A desire was expressed that the tender impressious which had been made upon our hearts might be treasured up, and not be as the morning cloud, or the early dew, which soon passeth away. Friends separated under a fresh sense of the goodness and power of our Heavenly Father, and a feeling of love for each other. Dined at Joseph Armstrong's with a number of Friends, and afterwards made a few calls. And my old friend, Thomas Heald, was not passed by. We were mutually glad to see each other, having been members of Middleton Monthly Meeting, Ohio, from about 1837 to 1841, and were closely united, as was his cousin, Israel Heald and myself — with whom I dined on Sixth-day last, the 24th inst. All these calls were pleasant, and I think did us good. The further I advance in life the more I desire to live in peace and good will with all men. This feeling I wish to cherish, but far be it from me to compromise any right principle in



order to gain the friendship of another! Returned to our friend, Joseph Hall's, to lodge, with a number of other Friends.

Second-day, 27th.—Dined at John Oliphant's, in company with Hannah Stratton and others. I had not been able to fix upon a time to leave Hickory Grove, because of an exercise resting upon my mind, which no way had opened in the clearness to carry out. But Hannah Stratton soon informed me her mind had for a day or two been turned toward Salem, Iowa, and wished to know if I felt inclined to accompany them. This was what I had hoped for, and hence was quite ready to answer in the affirmative. After making some satisfactory calls, we lodged at James Penrose's—very nice young Friends.

Early Third-day morning, the 28th, we started for Salem, and after considerable travel by railroad, we reached a town called Mt. Pleasant, ten miles from Salem, and which was to be travelled by stage with two small mules attached. It was very cold, the roads rough, and nine of us in the stage, so that we made but slow progress, being almost five hours going the ten miles, and quite after night. We were entire strangers, but I knew something of Isaac Childs, and I concluded to go there and see if he would take us in, which they did, and made us very comfortable indeed; strangers we were, but they took us in.

Fourth-day afternoon, the 29th, we had a public meeting, to which many persons came. We sat some time in solemn silence, when my way was opened to preach the everlasting Gospel; Hannah Stratton being favored in testimony and prayer. It was a baptizing season. The outward and the spiritual appearance of our Holy Redeemer were largely spoken of. And this declaration of Scripture brought to view; "And now to all them who look for Him shall He

appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” Before the meeting closed, one professing to be a minister of the Gospel in the religious Society of Friends, but not in unity with Ohio Yearly Meeting, rose and said he wished to call the attention of the meeting to the last verse of the ninth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, that the second appearance without sin unto salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ there spoken of, was not to take place until the day when the last trumpet should sound, etc., endeavoring to lay waste a belief in the Divine and Holy teaching in the secret of the heart by the Holy Spirit. But he seemed to fail in making such an impression as he desired. It was thought he had done his own cause much more harm than good. The meeting closed under a precious covering, many expressing their gratitude and thankfulness for the opportunity—some saying we could never know the good we had done that day. But we were made renewedly sensible that all praise, glory, honor, salvation and high renown belong unto God and Jesus Christ his beloved Son, our Saviour. We felt that we could leave Salem with peaceful minds, and some of us were soon on our way to John Tribby’s, an aged Friend who was unable to get out, his house being about four miles on our way back to Mt. Pleasant. We were kindly cared for, and the dear, aged Friend was so grateful for the visit that tears ran down his cheeks. This visit was like a brook by the way.

We took the stage the next morning, Fifth-day 30th, for Mount Pleasant, a very tedious and cold ride. From Mt. Pleasant we took the cars for New Sharon, and after several changes and some exposure, we arrived at New Sharon on Sixth-day, the first of Twelfth Month, at about two o’clock in the morning—mercury, ten degress below zero. Asa Garretson having some nieces in the place, he and Edward

Richie went to the house of one of them, called them up, and the husband came for us with his sled, took us to his house, and they made us as comfortable as they could. We had most of the members together at a Friend's house at eleven o'clock, to good satisfaction. Our friend, John Vail, meeting us here, we started with him about one o'clock for his home at Cold Creek, a distance of about sixteen miles, on a sled, and very cold, and reached his home about dusk. Cold and weary we were, as well as strangers in a strange land, but they did what they could for our comfort, and we were glad to feel a little settled for a few days, though my exercises were great.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 2nd.—We dined at Nathan Warrington's, whose wife I knew in Ohio when she was young. They have an invalid daughter, for whom I felt much. We had a comfortable sitting in this family. Whilst I was a little comforted on the one hand, because of a religious exercise and concern on the part of some; yet on account of some others I felt sad and sorrowful. May it please our Heavenly Father to bring us all to a true sense of our condition in his Divine and Holy sight; and then enable us to overcome all that his controversy is against or with. In the afternoon we called on Josiah Briggs, a young man who had been quite ill for some weeks. He had passed through much deep exercise and travail of soul on account of the manner in which he had lived, and felt at one time that there was no redemption for him. But as he continued patiently to wait upon the Lord, he inclined unto Him, and heard his cry. He brought him up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set his feet on a rock, and established his goings; and he put a new song in his mouth, even praise to our God! And whilst we were with

him, he did praise the Lord as upon the banks of deliverance! It seemed good for us to be there!

Of this young man an interesting memorial has been issued—the substance of which may be found in the newly issued “Piety Promoted,” Vol. V.

We then went to George W. Motts’. This was a precious visit. They were entire strangers to me, but I felt to call on them. After tea we were sitting together, Hannah Stratton being present, conversation ceased, and we sat under a covering that was truly refreshing, binding us together in the love of the Gospel. Hannah and myself had a word of encouragement for George and his dear wife Abigail. She told me afterwards she thought I was sent to deliver that message, and for which she was truly thankful and grateful. We separated with feelings of tenderness and love for each other. Returned to our friend, John Vail’s to lodge, after an exercising day, but with a belief that our Heavenly Father had been with and helped us. And we could bless and praise his holy Name!

First-day, Twelfth Month 3rd.—Attended a large meeting at Coal Creek. Hannah Stratton was largely engaged in a plain, clear testimony. After passing through much deep exercise, and a desire to be preserved on every hand, I stood upon my feet, with these words: “It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing, but the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” I was largely engaged in a close, searching testimony, to the tendering of many hearts, and desired that we might be willing to examine ourselves as in the light of the Lord, etc.; standing upon my feet for a considerable length of time, the Gospel flowing freely. All praise belongeth unto God. The meeting held over three hours, and yet it did not seem

long. When about to close the meeting it was so still and solemn, that I was afraid to move for a time, and when we did shake hands, there was not a man, woman or child seemed to move, and we sat for quite a space of time before any move was made. Knowing we had sat long, some of us rose upon our feet, and not till then did the meeting rise. Oh! what feelings of thankfulness covered my spirit, praise the Lord, O my soul! Dined at John Hoge's, who with his dear wife made us very comfortable; a large company were present. After dinner others coming in, and conversation ceasing, a solemn silence ensued, which was broken by Hannah Stratton, in a lengthy, persuasive testimony to the dear young people present, in which exercise I took part mentally and vocally, to the relief and peace of my own mind. It did seem to be a time of renewed visitation to some present, and a season of great favor. Returned to John Vail's to lodge, with a heart filled with love to our God, and to all men.

Twelfth Month 4th, 1876, Second-day morning.—Called upon John Miller and his wife Mary, who was a daughter of Valentine Meader, a very bright woman in the station of a minister. They were under deep trial, and much discouraged. I made such remarks as seemed to arise in my heart, desiring them to keep very near to the Lord, and if they were right He would sustain them. It was sad, but I was glad we called. I have heard to my comfort that Mary Miller has attended meeting several times since I saw her, and appeared in the ministry, to the satisfaction of many Friends. I desire she may be preserved in her proper place.

We then called on Josiah Briggs and his brother Benjamin, who was rather depressed, and he had rested upon my mind very much after my visit on Seventh-day last. The oppor-

tunity with these Friends, in their different conditions, was satisfactory. Supposing this would be the last time we should meet in this state of mutability, it was rather solemn parting. Josiah Briggs deceased the ninth of Second Month, 1877. It was said he made a peaceful close. My way was now clearly open to return to New Sharon, and I informed Hannah Stratton of my prospect, and after consulting together, we were united in holding a public meeting in that place the next evening if a suitable house could be obtained. Our Friend Nathan Warrington concluded to take Edward Richie and myself. We started for New Sharon soon after one o'clock in the afternoon, arriving there about dusk, and put up at Elihu Stanley's. He and his intelligent wife are among those who are endeavoring to uphold our doctrines and Christian testimonies, and testifying against a spirit which is endeavoring to lay them waste, which course makes their way hard and trying. The Presbyterian meeting-house was freely granted for the purpose of holding our meeting in.

Third day, fifth of Twelfth Month.—The prospect of the meeting rested heavily upon me, so that I did not feel like eating anything, and a fear took hold of me that I had made a mistake. But I kept my exercises pretty much to myself. The other Friends arriving near evening afforded some relief, but I felt very poor and weak. I went to the meeting under a heavy weight of exercise. The house was filled with orderly people, and it was solemnly quiet, they sitting in silence for some time. I stood upon my feet in much fear, but was enabled to preach the Gospel of Christ, alluding largely to the outward appearance of our Holy Redeemer, his many miracles whilst on earth, his crucifixion, ascension, and then his spiritual appearance in the secret of the heart, and the effect of his Holy teaching in

the secret of the soul, if given heed unto. Deep interest was manifested, and Truth seemed to reign over all. Hannah Stratton was also largely engaged, to our mutual satisfaction and comfort. Just before the meeting closed, I made a few remarks in relation to the attendance and interest which was manifested, as well as the solemnity which had been spread over us, and then bade them farewell. So deep was the feeling spread over us, that it seemed that it might be felt as with the outward hand, and it was under this feeling that we separated, I trust, in Gospel love! The people expressed their thankfulness for the opportunity, and it was manifested by their great kindness to us. We did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy unto us, his dependent little ones! Oh, the peace and love that filled my heart. I now felt that I could leave Iowa for the present at least. I have omitted many things which took place in this journey to my humble admiration.

Left New Sharon on Fourth-day, the sixth of Twelfth Month, and I spent the night or most of it at Keokuk, E. Richie leaving me for Richmond, Indiana. I left Keokuk early on Fifth-day morning, the 7th, arriving at Jacksonville, Ill., about nine o'clock. Spent the day with some friends of ours, and rested nicely.

Sixth-day morning, the 8th, I left for Barnesville, Ohio, where I arrived about one o'clock on Seventh-day, the 9th. Dined at Samuel Walton's, after which he, with his wife and myself, went to the Ohio Boarding School. Attended several collections of the dear children, to my own satisfaction. The weather was extremely cold and blustery, so that it was very exposing to turn out. About four or five inches of snow on the ground.

Dined at James Steers', with whom our aged and beloved friend, Rachel Green, resides. She is green in old age, and

it is a privilege to be in her company. Very soon after dinner we went over to Barnesville, a distance of one and a half or two miles, where a meeting was appointed for three o'clock. The house was soon filled with people of various denominations, and some who were not, it may be, members of any. I was brought under deep exercise and travail of soul, with desires raised in my heart for preservation. The way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed amongst them. I think I never was more sensible of the Divine presence than on this occasion. Many of us were contrited before the Lord, and I felt constrained upon the bended knee to humbly acknowledge the goodness, mercy, love and almighty power of our Heavenly Father, and to petition that He would be pleased to draw us nearer and nearer unto himself, enabling us more effectually, if needs be, to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross, and follow Him in the way in which He would have us go. The meeting closed under a feeling of great solemnity; the people manifesting much kindness and love, and our hearts being bowed down under a renewed sense of the goodness and tender mercy of our God!

Second-day, Twelfth Month 11th.—Called on the wife of Isaac Vail, who appeared to be in the last stage of consumption. It was pleasant to sit beside her, and the visit very satisfactory. We then took a hurried dinner, and soon took the cars—Edward Richie for home by way of Washington, and I for Martin's Ferry, where I lodged at Benjamin Hoyle's. He is very much afflicted, not able to help himself at all, and cannot speak so as to be understood except by the members of his family. His wife, three daughters and son, are truly kind to him, and wait upon him with untiring patience.

Third-day morning, the 12th.—I left these kind Friends



with a feeling of sympathy and love, and took the cars for Rochester, about thirty miles below Pittsburgh, where I hired a man to take me out to Ellwood Thomas, my brother-in-law's, a distance of three or four miles. I staid there until the afternoon of the 13th, when I left for Pittsburgh, which place I left about half-past eight o'clock for Philadelphia, where I arrived on Fifth-day morning, the fourteenth of Twelfth Month, finding my family in usual health and glad to see me safely home again. And I can adopt this language, "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee!" Many and varied were my exercises and tribulations, exposed to extreme cold weather and some privations during the five weeks of my absence; yet on the returning of my Minute to the Monthly Meeting, I informed Friends that I had performed the service for which I was liberated, to the relief and peace of my own mind, and had been brought to realize in my own experience, the fulfilment of the precious promise—"I will be riches in poverty, strength in weakness, and a present helper in every needful time!" Blessed forever be the name of our Father which is in Heaven!

Third-day, Second Month 27th, 1877.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting in company with Thomas Lippincott. Some trying things took place, by a person endeavoring to lay waste our Christian testimonies. I proclaimed a word of encouragement to the hungering and thirsting humble little ones, desiring them to hold on their way, and as they continued to hunger and thirst after righteousness, the Lord would in his own time give them to partake of that living bread which comes down from God out of Heaven, and which alone can nourish up the soul unto eternal life; and He would give them to drink of that water which He promised should be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life, etc.

Third Month 25th.—I fear we live in a day when very many, up and down, are settling down in a state of ease, and trusting too much to moral lives and good reputations among men.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 14th.—The Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was held this day to very good satisfaction, and I trust some of us were a little comforted in the belief, that the great Head of the Church condescended to be with, and did help us. The general Yearly Meeting assembled for the transaction of its business on Second-day, the 16th inst. The number in attendance was large, though there were comparatively few from other Yearly Meetings. During the season of waiting on the Lord which preceded the commencement of business, a covering of solemnity and exercise was graciously vouchsafed, and some earnest desires were briefly expressed, that we might individually so dwell under that covering as to experience Divine help and preservation. After the opening business the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read; they were very interesting and called forth much expression of unity therewith, and the members of that meeting were encouraged to persevere in attending to whatever openings for service, in the line of its duties, might present. A lively exercise spread over the meeting, that we might individually exemplify in our lives and daily walk among men, the blessed effects of the doctrine we profess, so that others might see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in Heaven. The harmony of exercise which prevailed was very grateful to the feelings of many Friends. The sitting was an interesting and favored one.

Third-day morning, seventeenth of the Month.—After the meeting was opened, the representatives reported they were generally united in proposing the name of Clarkson Sheppard for Clerk, and Joseph Walton to assist him; which

was largely united with by the meeting, and they appointed to the services. As the Queries and answers were brought to view, much tender counsel and advice was given and a lively exercise was spread over the meeting. The meeting adjourned after reading and answering the fifth Query. On Fourth-day, 18th, the remaining Queries were read and considered. Many pertinent remarks were made through the course of this sitting, and the meeting adjourned under a fresh sense of the continued mercies of our Heavenly Father.

The Meeting of ministers and elders, held at eight o'clock this morning, was a precious season, the Divine presence did seem to be in our midst, no disturbing element apparent, and we believe true living and spiritual worship was offered up to our Father in Heaven; our hearts were tendered, our spirits contrited before God, unto whom were ascribed, with his beloved Son, all glory, honor, salvation and high renown, for ever and ever. Amen!

Fifth-day, 19th.—Meeting for worship was held as usual in the morning. In the afternoon several interesting reports were read, and the committees encouraged to carry out the concerns of the Yearly Meeting. The sitting was satisfactory.

Sixth-day morning, twentieth of the Month.—Two or three reports were read and disposed of to the satisfaction of the meeting. Testimony was borne by several Friends to the goodness of our Heavenly Father, whose solemnizing presence had been extended over us from sitting to sitting, enabling us to conduct the business with much harmony and brotherly condescension. After the concluding Minute was read, a short interval of solemn silence ensued, when the meeting closed; many feeling that “the Lord had done great things for us whereof we were glad!” Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

## CHAPTER VIII.

ATTENDS A MEETING AT EASTON, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF JOSEPH SCATTERGOOD—REMARKS ON HIS CHARACTER—NOTICE OF THE DEATHS OF JOHN CARTER AND EBENEZER WORTH—ATTENDS A MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J., AND A FUNERAL THERE—ATTENDS MANSFIELD MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF CHARLOTTE SATTERTHWAITE, HADDONFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING—DEEP RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA—VISITS WEST-TOWN BOARDING SCHOOL—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA MONTHLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF WALTER PENNELL, TWELFTH STREET MEETING, EXETER MONTHLY MEETING, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1878, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT HAVERFORD—VISITS MUNCY AND GREENWOOD, PENNA.—REMARKS ON THE ATTENDANCE OF HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS HAVERFORD MEETING, HIS OWN MEETING, THE MONTHLY MEETING AT TWELFTH STREET, THE MEETING AT RANCOCAS, THE MEETING AT MAIDEN CREEK, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VARIED RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—ATTENDS THE OPENING OF A MEETING AT WEST PHILADELPHIA—CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT MEETING—REMARKS ON ATTENDING HIS OWN MEETING—VISITS MEETINGS IN BUCKS AND BURLINGTON QUARTERS—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT WEST PHILADELPHIA, TUCKERTON, BARNEGAT, RAHWAY, N. J., FALLSINGTON, PENNA., BURLINGTON, N. J.—REMARKS ON THE DECLINE OF THE MEETING AT BURLINGTON—ATTENDS A PUBLIC MEETING AT RANCOCAS, A MEETING AT PLAINFIELD, AT TRENTON, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF EDWARD SHOTWELL.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 19th, 1877.—Went over to Ezra Engle's, in order to attend their meeting at Easton,

N. J., on First-day, the 20th, which was large for the place. The importance of assembling for the great and noble purpose of worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth, was largely brought to view, and Friends were encouraged to withdraw their minds from the world and its spirit and turn them inward, waiting upon God in the silence of all flesh; if this was our uppermost desire, we should be brought to realize in our individual experience, a renewal of our spiritual strength and an increase of true and living faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc.

Fourth-day, Sixth Month 13th.—Attended the funeral of our beloved friend, Joseph Scattergood. It was a solemn, favored season; several testimonies were borne to his consistent, useful life in his day and generation. He was in the station of an elder, and beloved for his integrity and uprightness in the ever-blessed Truth as it is in Jesus!

This valuable Friend was a grandson of Thomas Scattergood the minister, who went to England on a religious visit in 1794, and deceased in 1814. He was one of that band of firm defenders of the Truth whose faithfulness and boldness withstood the efforts that were made to open the way for the spread in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of doctrines which did not come up to the standard of spirituality which had been raised by our forefathers in the Truth.

He succeeded Joel Evans as Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1865, and was re-appointed to that service year after year, until 1877, when his health had so far failed that he was unable to be present. He continued to decline, and in about two months more passed from works to rewards. He was a valuable elder, and filled other important positions in the Church, especially as a member of the Meeting for Sufferings and of the Westtown School Committee; and was generally esteemed for his uprightness and integrity. Even those who differed from him in sentiment felt, that although "his ways are of another fashion" from theirs, yet "he is

numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints."

He died at his son William's, in West Chester, and was buried in Friends' burying-ground of that place. Our beloved friend, John Carter, an elder of the same Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, was buried just one week before. They had been engaged in business together for nearly forty years. Truly the Lord's ways are not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts.

Our dear friend, Ebenezer Worth, a member and elder of Bradford Monthly Meeting, Pa., was buried on the twentieth of Sixth Month, 1877. A large collection of Friends and others were present, and a meeting was held after the interment of the body, in Friends' Meeting-house in Marshallton, where several testimonies were borne to the usefulness and upright walking of this meek, humble-spirited man. He was truly a preacher of righteousness, by a consistent life and conversation among the children of men. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 7th.—Went over to Medford; attended Monthly Meeting to pretty good satisfaction. Great changes have taken place here as well as in most other places. Standard bearers have been removed, and but very few to take their places.

Attended a large funeral in the afternoon of a person not a member, but a regular attender of our meetings. Though his family were of those called Hicksites, I felt constrained to preach the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The people were very quiet, attentive, and many appeared tendered in spirit. A hope was felt that the seed sown might have fallen on good ground.

First-day, the 8th.—Attended Mansfield Meeting; the Gospel flowing freely, to the contriting of some of our hearts.

In the afternoon paid a visit to Charlotte Satterthwaite, who appears to be drawing near her close. She seemed calm and peaceful, and I think we were mutually glad to have the opportunity of mingling and feeling together, believing our spiritual strength was a little renewed. I had the opportunity of seeing my dear friends, Daniel and Ann Satterthwaite; he is very feeble, has now entered his eighty-fourth year, and is in a comfortable state of mind. Took tea with William Hancock and wife, and then returned to Medford with Elwood Haines; made a number of calls on the sick and well, Second, Third and Fourth days, returning home Fourth-day eve, feeling well satisfied with attending to this little service, which had rested with me for some time; and the Lord was very gracious to me, unworthy as I am. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name! The attendings of the meetings at Medford, the surrounding country, the remembrance of my childhood, brings many things to view, some joyous, but many sad reflections, many dear ones called hence, and few coming up to take their places in the militant Church. Be thou pleased, O Lord, to raise up judges as at the first, and counsellors as in the beginning!

Seventh-day, Eighth Month, 18th.—I attended the funeral of Charlotte Satterthwaite, at Mansfield, New Jersey. We met in the meeting-house, a large company assembled, and a solemn covering was spread over us. Henry Wood broke the silence, and spoke with much earnestness, endeavoring to stir us up to more diligence in making our calling and election sure, whilst time and opportunity were afforded, etc. I threw in my mite, saying, if we neglect so great salvation as has been alluded to, the fault will, as I believe, be our own. For it is very emphatically declared in Scripture, by the Apostle, "That the grace of God, which bring-

eth salvation, hath appeared to all men," etc. The Gospel flowed freely for some time, much to my relief and peace, for which I felt thankful.

First-day, 19th of the month.—Attended meeting at Crosswicks, which is very small and discouraging, as far as numbers are concerned. But we were favored with a comfortable meeting; a word of encouragement was handed forth to the rightly exercised and oft times discouraged ones. May it please our Heavenly Father to raise up others to take the places of those who have been removed from works to rewards, who labored for the blessed cause within the compass of this Burlington Quarterly Meeting. The love of the world, its spirit, and other things, seem to have taken many of our young Friends, and some others, captive. May these become awakened to the responsibility that is resting upon them, is often the earnest desire of my heart.

Fourth-day, Eighth Month 29th.—Attended Abington Monthly Meeting, held at Horsham.

James N. Richardson, a minister from Ireland, being in the city, and having a desire to attend Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Medford, N. J., on the 13th inst., wished me to accompany him and David Scull, Jr., which, after due consideration, I concluded to do. The meeting was very large and quiet. James appeared in supplication, after which Samuel Emlen spoke at some length; then James N. Richardson spoke for a short time; then I felt to throw in my mite; then Charles Rhoads appeared in supplication. All the exercises were very harmonious, and seemed applicable to the state of individuals and the meeting. It was thought to be a time of favor. All praise belongeth to our Father in Heaven.

Tenth Month 1st, First-day.—Attended our own meet-



ings as they came in course, passing through much deep, religious exercise from time to time, because of the many and varied discouragements by which we are surrounded in this our day. Some who have been near and dear to me have now turned against me, and are giving their strength and encouragement to those who are departing from our Christian testimonies, if not our doctrines. These things weigh heavily upon me, and cause me to go sorrowing and mourning on my way Zionward. May it please my Heavenly Father to uphold and sustain me under this great and unexpected trial, and enable me to put my whole trust and confidence in Him, and Him alone!

Eleventh Mo. 23d.—Attended Western Quarterly Meeting. There were present our friends, Clarkson Sheppard, Elizabeth Allen, Elizabeth R. Evans, Elizabeth C. Dunn, and Rachel Bennington, also Phebe W. Roberts; all of whom spoke in the meeting, which was thought to be a time of favor. I remarked to a friend after meeting, if it was not a good meeting it was not for the want of preaching. I felt satisfied with giving up to attend to this little apprehended duty.

Eleventh Month 29th.—I attended the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, to very good satisfaction. Great changes have taken place in that meeting within the past year, by the death of several beloved and useful Friends. The young, as well as some older, were solicited and encouraged to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ, yielding themselves up as into the Divine and holy hand, that they might be fitted and prepared by the Lord to take the places of those who had been removed from works to rewards. And the query went forth, to whom shall we look for a succession of burthen bearers, or those who are not ashamed to confess our ever-blessed and holy Redeemer

among men, if it is not to our beloved young Friends, who have been abundantly blessed in various ways, etc.? I left the meeting feeling the sweet reward of peace. O God, preserve me in the way thou would have me go! Blessed for ever be thy great and holy Name!

Twelfth Month 23d.—At Westtown, most of the teachers and caretakers, etc., with ourselves, met in the parlor; a desire was manifested to hear some account of Daniel Wheeler, Stephen Grellett, Joseph Hoag, or rather some account of them with which I was conversant, but had not been published. I therefore related some things which I heard them speak of when in their presence. The company seemed deeply interested, after which a solemn silence ensued, and a few words were spoken which, I trust, did no harm; and under a feeling of thankfulness for the mercies extended to us this day, we retired for the night. Next morning, some of the teachers and others expressed much thankfulness to me for relating the circumstances which had taken place in the experience of these dear Friends, who had been called from works to rewards, and which were so full of interest and instruction.

Second Month 21st, 1878.—In company with the committee appointed by our Quarterly Meeting, Second Month 4th, to visit the subordinate meetings, and render such service therein as way may open for to encourage our members in the faithful discharge of all our religious duties, I attended Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. I felt poor and weak, so that I went under great discouragement; but as the meeting settled down, my mind became quiet also, and I felt the incomes of Divine love to cover my spirit; and after a time of heartfelt exercise, I stood upon my feet, with these words, "Wait upon the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, upon

the Lord." I believed it was good for us to wait upon the Lord, even when deeply tried and greatly proven, ready to faint and give out by the way. For then it was the Lord would, in the riches of his mercy, arise for our help, etc., to the relief and peace of my own mind. There was a solemn feeling over the meeting. I made some remarks in the meeting for business, which appeared to be well received. The business of the meeting was conducted in a satisfactory manner, and I left it with a peaceful mind. At two o'clock, attended the funeral of a mute child, about eleven years of age, a grandson of Samuel Fogg, by the name of Walter Pennell. He was placed at school in Mystic, Connecticut, and went out to skate; the ice giving way under him, he was drowned. It seemed very sad, but I trust he was, through redeeming love and mercy, safely gathered into one of those mansions that our Saviour went to prepare for the righteous of all generations. The afflicted parents and relatives were encouraged to humbly bow their wills to the will of our Father in Heaven. I was well satisfied in giving up to what seemed to me a little sense of duty; and, while it has been a very exercising and busy day, I feel that the Lord has been very gracious to me.

First-day, Second Month 24th.—In company with James Bromley, one of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, I attended meeting at the Twelfth Street house, which was large. There seemed to me a good feeling over the meeting, the silence of which was broken by a woman Friend in supplication, which was run out into words, and I feared the meeting was not profited thereby. But we settled down into solemn silence, and after much mental exercise, I stood upon my feet, setting forth the responsibility which is resting upon us, in professing to worship God in Spirit, who is a Spirit, and must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth, etc.

And it was a very solemn thing to break the silence of a meeting convened for the great and noble purpose of worshipping Him who made the heavens and the earth, and all that in them is. I dwelt much upon this solemn subject, and the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts, which, if given heed unto, would lead and guide us into all Truth, etc. The way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them. Though I went to the meeting in much fear and trembling, my Heavenly Father was very good and gracious to me, enabling me to preach the Gospel of Christ, which flowed freely to the people, who were very quiet and attentive. Some hearts were tendered before the Lord, and the meeting was truly baptized into this one Spirit. A young man from a distance made some remarks near the close of the meeting, which were not to the edification or comfort of some of us. I left the meeting in great peace, ascribing all praise to my Heavenly Father. Friends were truly kind to me, and I desire their growth in the ever-blessed Truth as it is in Jesus. Amen saith my soul!

Third Month 27th.—Grace Williams, Elizabeth R. Evans, Henry Haines, and myself attended Exeter Monthly Meeting to pretty good satisfaction. Though the meeting is small, a few Friends appear to be religiously concerned and exercised for the promotion of the blessed cause of Truth and righteousness. They were encouraged to use the little strength they were favored with that they might become stronger, for as we are faithful in the little, we are made rulers over more, etc. Our company and services were very satisfactory and comforting to them, as expressed by their Minute. I thought we were all the better for mingling together. We were kindly cared for at our friend, Joseph Bailey's.

Fourth Month 12th.—Much feeling and exercise was manifested in our Meeting for Sufferings this day, because of the many departures from our Christian testimonies, and even by those in the stations of ministers and elders. Friends were encouraged to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. For the Lord will not forsake his church and people if they continue to love, serve and obey Him.

The Yearly Meeting convened on Second-day morning, the 15th of Fourth Month. It was thought to be a time of favor. The closing minute acknowledged a grateful sense of the favors experienced during our several sittings, and, after a solemn pause, the meeting closed, and Friends separated under a covering of thankfulness to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and with feelings of love for one another. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 4th.—Our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders was held this day. Some of the committee appointed by the Select Yearly Meeting, to visit the Meetings of Ministers and Elders within our limits, as far as Truth opens the way, were present; whose company and services were truly acceptable and encouraging to some of us in a very especial manner. It was believed to be a time of favor, and we were encouraged to put on a little fresh strength in the name of the Lord, ascribing all praise, glory and honor unto our God and his beloved Son, our Saviour.

Fifth Month 12th, First-day.—My wife and myself attended the meeting at Haverford to some satisfaction, though there is much to discourage and cast down; so few who make any appearance of Friends, so few who are willing to come under the crucifying, baptizing power and cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in order that they

might become fitted and prepared for usefulness in the Church of Christ, and be qualified to spread the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth. I was, I trust, favored to relieve my mind of a religious exercise that rested heavily upon it, in a clear testimony to the goodness, mercy, loving kindness, and almighty power of our Father in Heaven!

Second-day morning, Fifth Month 13th.—Elizabeth R. Evans, Rebecca S. Allen, Henry Haines and myself, left our homes and travelled as far as Muncy, where we lodged at Henry Ecroyd's; took the stage next morning for the Elklands, where we arrived about six o'clock, after a rough, but interesting ride of about thirty-five miles, over mountains, hills and valleys. We were kindly cared for at Joseph McCarty's, he and his dear sister being very kind to us. It was desired that the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, of which we were members, should visit the members of Elkland Preparative Meeting, and we made a visit the next morning, the fifteenth inst., to Charles Hess and his wife, to good satisfaction; they are young and live in much simplicity, manifesting some interest in Society and a religious concern for themselves and children. Soon after, we attended their Preparative Meeting; their members, with two or three exceptions, were present, with some of their sober neighbors. The meeting settled down into a solemn quiet, and a good feeling was spread over us. Considerable was said, by way of testimony, by E. R. Evans and myself, which appeared to be well received by those present. In the meeting for business, I endeavored to set forth the exercise and concern of the Quarterly Meeting in their behalf, and to encourage them to a faithful discharge of all their religious duties. I left the meeting with a peaceful feeling. But it is very sorrowful to see how many there are who make no appearance of Friends, even in this

isolated neighborhood, where we would not suppose the fashions and customs of the world could find much place; but, alas! there is much to mourn over in this respect. We dined, and had a sitting, at Abel McCarty's; thence to Henry Brackman's; thence to John Brown's; thence to Theodore Hess'. In all of these families we endeavored to stir them up to even greater diligence in serving their Lord, and in the upholding and promulgation of our doctrines and Christian testimonies.

Fifth Month 16th and 17th.—We paid visits to all the members but two or three, making in all sixteen or seventeen visits; which were generally satisfactory, and, we hope, useful to the visited and visitors—feeling much for those whose opportunities have been but very small indeed; but they were all encouraged to the faithful performance of every good word and work.

Seventh-day, the 18th, early in the morning, we took the stage for Muncy, where we arrived about five o'clock, after a beautiful ride. We were kindly received at our friend, Henry Ecroyd's. Attended Muncy Meeting on First-day morning, fifteenth, to pretty good satisfaction. The meeting was large, and, I thought, a good feeling prevailed, the Gospel flowing easily and freely, but, it might be thought, plainly by some; but it yielded peace to my deeply-exercised mind. Elizabeth R. Evans had good service. We dined at Rebecca and Sarah Haines', Edward Marshall and wife being there. They were very kind to us, helping us on our way as best they could. We made several calls in the afternoon to our satisfaction.

Second-day, 20th, was spent in making calls upon Friends, encouraging them to more faithfulness in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies, remembering the responsibilities that rest upon us, as we profess to be the

humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord ; and not to be ashamed to confess our ever-blessed and Holy Redeemer among men, and become prepared for usefulness in the Church of Christ.

Third-day, Fifth Month 21st.—In company with several Friends we went to Greenwood, some of us going to Isaac Heacock's, where we arrived about sunset. We passed over a beautiful country, and the roads being good we had a very pleasant ride indeed.

Fourth-day, 22nd.—Attended Muncy Monthly Meeting, held at Greenwood ; quite a number coming in who were not members ; the meeting was large for the place. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed amongst them. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom said the Apostle, I am chief. This testimony of the Apostle was brought to view, and the outward and the spiritual appearance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ were both treated upon at considerable length, to the relief and peace of my own mind. Elizabeth R. Evans spoke at some length.

In the Meeting for business I relieved my mind of an exercise which rested upon it with much weight, and which was responded to by several Friends. The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting were read, and a Minute made expressive of our company being acceptable, and our services to their edification and comfort. Made some calls on Friends in the afternoon, which I trust was to our mutual comfort.

Fifth-day, 23rd, was spent in visiting families, and some of these were precious seasons, which I desire may be long remembered by some of us. Praise the Lord, O my soul ! One of these visits was to a member whose wife was buried some six or eight months since, leaving three children. The



eldest girl about twelve, the second daughter about eight, and a little boy about four years of age. They behaved nicely, and my mind was brought into much feeling and sympathy for the father and children. It was a tendering season to us all, and I trust it was good for us to be together under a fresh sense of the Lord's goodness and tender mercies. Lodged at George Kester's, he and his wife being very kind to us.

Sixth-day, Fifth Month 24th.—James Masters, at whose house we had a very interesting visit yesterday, called for us and took us to Rupert Station, on the Catawissa Railroad, where we took the cars coming down by Mauch Chunk, Bethlehem, etc. After a very interesting ride we reached the city between five and six o'clock in the afternoon, and found all well at home.

In reviewing this visit we feel we have much to humble us, and much to be thankful for. While there was no great abounding, there were evidences that the Lord did watch over and help us when we could not help ourselves. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

First-day morning, Fifth Month 26th.—Went to our own meeting feeling poor and stripped of all good, and rather desired I might sit the meeting through in silence, but said in my heart, not as I will, but as Thou wilt, O Lord. After a time of deep exercise and travail of spirit, I felt constrained in much fear to stand upon my feet and utter these words: "But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

I was led to explain the nature and results of true Divine and spiritual worship in a manner which humbled my spirit

before the Lord, and great peace of mind was my portion. The Lord did help me on this interesting occasion; of myself I could not have done it. Toward the close of the meeting it seemed best for me to humbly bow before the Lord, and under much feeling render thanksgiving and praise unto God, and the beloved Son of his bosom, who had condescended in the riches of his love and mercy, to break and bless heavenly bread amongst us this day. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

First-day, Seventh Month 7th.—Dr. Charles Evans, James Bromley and myself attended Haverford Meeting, several Friends from our city meetings being present. There was some evidence of religious exercise in the meeting, but as is the case in most if not all of our meetings, too many settle down in a lukewarm state of mind, and hence the life and power of religion does not rise into dominion, as it would if all were engaged in worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth. This spiritual worship was pretty largely alluded to, and those present were encouraged to have their minds so gathered into silence before the Lord, that they might be enabled to offer unto our God true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc., to the relief and peace of my own mind. It seemed to some of us, that our Heavenly Father was pleased to be with and help us. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

James Bromley and myself returned pretty directly home and attended our meeting in the afternoon, which to me was a time of favor. I felt constrained, as I thought, to bring this language to our remembrance, "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life." Made a few remarks in relation to our pressing forward, even though we might be surrounded with trial, afflictions and discour-

agements, that we might be favored to receive the crown at the end of the race. The meeting was very solemn, and my soul did praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness toward me this day!

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 17th.—Attended the Monthly Meeting at Twelfth Street, Dr. Charles Evans, William U. Ditzler, Edward Sharpless and Elizabeth R. Evans being present. Two appearances in the way of supplication did not, as it seemed to me, add to the weight or solemnity of the meeting. More care in relation to vocal exercises in this meeting is manifestly needed. The prospect for rightly exercised and qualified burthen bearers is discouraging. Few making the appearance of Friends, and yet participating in the weighty business of the meeting, to the sorrow of some rightly-exercised minds. I left the meeting with feelings of sadness. Be pleased, O Lord, to work upon the minds of the people in thy own way and time!

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 20th.—I rode up to Rancocas with my friend, Uriah Borton; attended meeting there on the 21st, First-day. The meeting was small, some being absent from, perhaps, an inclination to stay at home because it was very warm. Daniel Wills, who had lived in or near the place all his life, being about seventy-five years of age, an active, kind man, died on Seventh-day evening, after a very short illness, which was also the means of preventing some from attending meeting. He will be much missed, as he was the most active in the meetings of business, and in many other ways. He was taken sick on Sixth-day afternoon and died on Seventh-day eve about eight o'clock. Truly, here to-day but gone to-morrow. I called at the house of mourning, and spent a few minutes with his daughters, Ann and Hannah, which was a satisfaction to me.

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 27th.—Elizabeth R. Evans and myself went up to Maiden Creek; were kindly cared for by Jacob Parvin and family; attended their meeting on First-day morning, the 28th, which is small, but few members living in this neighborhood. Some others coming in, there were some thirty-five or forty present. It seemed a low time, very little religious exercise to be felt amongst them. After passing through much feeling a little light and life sprung up. Elizabeth Evans spoke at some length, after which I had a short testimony, which might have been for the encouragement of some tried, afflicted or bereaved ones, and then I pressed the importance of faithfulness to the will of our Heavenly Father. "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life," was brought to view and pressed upon some present, with a desire that they might double their diligence in the faithful discharge of all their religious duties, etc. E. Evans spoke afterwards upon the same subject. Made some calls in the afternoon, to good satisfaction. I returned home Second-day morning, feeling that I had done what I could, as little as it might be. We do not serve a hard Master, and should always put our trust in Him.

Eighth Month 5th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was small, as is generally the case in this month. There were several communications, some of which were to edification, some others were trying. The Committee appointed in the Second Month last made a pretty full report, setting forth the weakness and want of religious exercise in our meetings generally. The responsibility resting upon Monthly Meetings was brought to view and pressed upon them, etc. The Committee was released. For several meeting days I have sat as with sealed lips, and at times felt great poverty of spirit, and at other times have had some precious

meetings, which were held in silence or nearly so. I have no doubt but it is in best wisdom that I am brought into this condition wherein I can cry out in all sincerity of soul, Oh! my leanness, my leanness. Be Thou pleased, O Lord, in thy own time to arise for my help!

First-day, Eleventh Month 3rd.—In company with Dr. Charles Evans and others of the Committee appointed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting to attend the opening of a meeting for Divine worship, in the meeting-house in West Philadelphia, on the morning of the First-day of the week, I attended that meeting. The meeting was large and thought to be satisfactory, with some exceptions. The Gospel message flowed freely, and the people were very quiet and attentive. I left the meeting with a thankful heart, and I did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy unto me this day.

The following circumstances connected with the opening a meeting in West Philadelphia may be interesting: Many years ago the owner of a tract of land lying south of Market Street, in West Philadelphia, subdivided it into building lots, and donated lots of land to different denominations, in hopes that the erection of places of worship would induce persons to settle there, and thus promote the sale of his property. The lot assigned to Friends was on the north side of Chestnut Street, west of Fortieth, and was a very desirable one, of one hundred feet front by two hundred and twelve in depth to another street. As another place of worship was erected immediately adjoining it, it was thought undesirable to place a Friends' meeting-house in such close proximity, as the quiet would probably be disturbed by the exercises of the other congregation. An offer of \$20,000 having been made for the lot, an order of Court was obtained in 1870, sanctioning the sale. This order required the trustees, under a heavy penalty, within fifteen years to build a meeting-house on the west side of the Schuylkill

River, as near the same locality as the residence of Friends and other circumstances would permit.

To satisfy the requirements of the bond they had given, the Trustees bought another lot of ground and built the meeting-house — and the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, which held the legal title to the ground, decided, with the concurrence of the other city meetings, to hold a meeting for worship in it on First-day mornings — residents in West Philadelphia being expected on other days to attend the city meetings to which they respectively belonged.

It was the opening of this meeting to which J. S. Stokes refers.

I have felt very little openness for service in our meeting for some time past, passing through much mental exercise, in and out of meeting ; but on First-day morning, the seventeenth, my mouth was opened pretty largely with a plain, clear testimony. Standing upon my feet with this language of our Holy Redeemer : “ It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing, but the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life.” I endeavored to press this subject upon our minds, that we might indeed come to realize in our individual experience that the words of our Holy Redeemer to us are indeed spirit and life, and that we might give heed thereunto in the secret of our hearts, etc.

Having for more than a year past felt my mind drawn in the love of the Gospel, as I apprehend, to pay a visit to the meetings composing Bucks and Burlington Quarters, as far as Truth should open the way, and to appoint a few meetings within their limits, if way should open for it. I brought this concern before our Monthly Meeting, held Eleventh Month 26th, 1878, and after a time of solid consideration it was fully united with, and I was set at liberty, and encouraged to pursue the prospect under the direction of the Head of the Church ! My friend Mark Balderston

was liberated to accompany me in the proposed visit. On the twenty-eighth of Eleventh Month we attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting, to the peace of my own mind, for which favors I trust I was thankful. Clarkson Sheppard and C. Rhoads were present, and it was thought had good service; and the meeting was satisfactory to Friends generally.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 30th.—We went up to Daniel Rich's, near Doylestown; we were kindly cared for. Attended the meeting called Plumstead in the morning, which was large for the place, and a very satisfactory, relieving opportunity, the Gospel message to a mixed company flowing freely. Truly our Heavenly Father is good and merciful to his dependent, trusting little children. At three o'clock in the afternoon we had a public meeting at Deep Run, in a house belonging to the Mennonites, which was large, made up mostly of that denomination, very quiet, solemn and interesting. They are a people of great simplicity and integrity. A message of Gospel love flowed toward them freely, with my heart tendered and my spirit contrited before the Lord, under a deep sense of his tender mercies, toward all who love and serve Him. Truly there is no respect of persons with God, but all who love and serve Him, working righteousness, are accepted of Him!

Third-day, Twelfth Month 3rd.—We went up to Bordentown, where our friend, Edward Thorn, kindly met us, taking us to his house. We attended Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, held at Crosswicks, which is small, and but very few taking any part in the business which claimed the attention of the meeting. It was, however, a relieving time to me, the testimony went forth in good authority, and though pretty plain, Friends expressed themselves well satisfied with the services, and my soul did praise the Lord!

Fourth-day, Twelfth Month 4th.—Attended Upper Spring-

field Monthly Meeting, held at Mansfield, which was small. I felt very poor and weak as I went into the house, and after taking my seat, but after I was made willing to be anything or nothing, it pleased my Heavenly Father to raise me up, and enabled me to preach the way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the tendering of many of our hearts. May I remember this day with humility and thankfulness to my Heavenly Father. We spent the night previous to the Monthly Meeting with our dear friends, Daniel and Ann Satterthwaite, and I trust we were mutually glad to meet each other in this state of mutability—Daniel being about eighty-six years of age, but his mind seems clear and bright, and he enjoys the company of his friends!

First-day, Twelfth Month 8th.—By appointment it was the time for me to attend the meeting in West Philadelphia, with Dr. Charles Evans and other members of the Committee. Though not as large as when we were first there, yet it seemed to me the feeling which was spread over us was an evidence that the Master of Assemblies was with us. And there were those present who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for whom I felt a word of encouragement to flow through my heart, and some hearts were tendered and contrited before the Lord, under a fresh sense of his many unmerited mercies to us, poor and unworthy as we are. Oh, for a closer walk with Him, from whom we receive every good and perfect gift. I left the meeting with a feeling of peace and thankfulness to my Heavenly Father, and a desire to dwell near Him in spirit.

Twelfth Month 11th, 1878.—Fourth-day eve at five o'clock, left the city for Tuckerton, N. J., arriving there about half-past eight o'clock, and were kindly cared for by our friend, Archelaus R. Pharo, his wife being patient in suffering.



Fifth-day, the 12th.—Attended their Monthly Meeting, which is small and weak, having a committee of the Quarterly Meeting to assist them. My spirit was covered with sadness as well as with discouragement at the prospect of this Monthly Meeting being held to the reputation of Society. I fear it is not even now, and unless there is more religious exercise and concern for the welfare of themselves and society, it seems to me it must go down. I endeavored to discharge my duty toward them as ability was afforded, in a clear and plain manner, bringing many Gospel truths to their views, I trust to the comfort of some, who may be rightly exercised and concerned. I earnestly desired they might be aroused to a sense of the responsibility resting upon them, as professors of the Christian name! We made some calls on the members, especially those who were unable to attend meeting, to good satisfaction, and I trust to their comfort. All praise belongeth to our Heavenly Father.

Sixth-day morning, the 13th.—We went up to Barnegat and were kindly cared for by James Collins and wife. In the afternoon we called on a man who thought he had been badly used by being disowned several years since because he was unable to pay his debts, etc., and had not attended a Friend's meeting since. I brought some things to his remembrance which he seemed to feel; and we invited him to attend the meeting next day, which he did, to the comfort of many.

On the evening of the thirteenth we had the company of a number of the members together. Their attention was called to the low state of the Monthly Meeting, and they encouraged to a faithful discharge of all their religious duties, etc. I felt very peaceful after this interview, so far as that was concerned.

Seventh-day, the fourteenth of the month, we had a meet-

ing at Barnegat, which was a very satisfactory season and well attended by those in the vicinity. Dined at James Mills' very pleasantly, and left for Mount Holly in the evening, and were cared for by Charles Darnell and wife, and attended their meeting on First-day, the fifteenth instant, to very good satisfaction, and greatly to the relief and peace of my own mind, though it be a small, weak meeting. The Gospel flowed freely, praise the Lord, O my soul. Made some calls and returned home in the evening, I trust with grateful hearts.

Twelfth Month 18th, Fourth-day evening.—I went on to Rahway, N. J., in order to attend Monthly Meeting there on Fifth-day, the 19th. Put up at my cousin Isaac C. Stokes', having a pleasant visit with him and family; Mark Balderston arriving Fifth-day morning. A small meeting convened about half-past ten o'clock. For a time it seemed that there was very little, if any, good to be felt, and much discouragement was my portion; but, after a time, a little light sprang up, and I was favored to relieve my mind of an exercise which was brought upon it after passing through great poverty of spirit. It is very evident that the life of religion is very low in this, as well as in many other places. They were encouraged to greater faithfulness in the discharge of *all* their religious duties, and I left the meeting feeling calm and peaceful, and thankful for the favor received. Returned home in the evening, feeling satisfied with making this little sacrifice.

Twelfth Month 21st, Seventh-day evening.—In the midst of a severe storm of wind and rain, looking dark and dreary, we went up to John Comfort's, and were kindly cared for. The next morning attended their meeting at Fallsington, which was an exercising season, mentally and vocally. The situation of Peter, after he had thrice de-

nied his Divine Lord and Master, was brought to view; although he had professed great love for Him, yet, when he was pressed to confess Him before men, he swearing and saying, "I know not the man," etc. The query arising whether some of us were not denying our Holy Redeemer, either by word or deed. I dwelt upon the subject for some time, which, to me, was very solemn. After a time, things of a more general character were brought to view, but it seemed to me there was not much openness on the part of some to receive the Gospel message, as I believed it was. I left the meeting feeling calm and peaceful, having done what I could. At half-past two o'clock we attended the meeting at Attleborough, which was large for the place; and to me it was a relieving, satisfactory meeting, for which favor I was thankful.

Twelfth Month 28th, Seventh-day evening.—We went up to Burlington, N. J., to our aged friend, Robert Thomas', where we were kindly cared for by him and his dear daughter Anna. Attended their meeting on First-day morning, the 29th, to the relief and peace of my own mind, the Gospel message flowing freely, and appeared to be well received by those present. Very few occupy the upper seats in this meeting, which was once called the School of Prophets. Many of the young having left the Society from various causes, and others not willing to take up the cross, deny themselves and follow our Holy Redeemer in the way He would have them go, the meeting has become small and weak to what it was in years past, which causes sadness of heart.

The neighborhood of Burlington, N. J., was very early settled by Friends, who long continued numerous there. The first Yearly Meeting of Friends in this section of the country was held there, and for many years it was held in

Burlington and in Philadelphia on alternate years. So numerous were the ministers belonging to it that Burlington was sometimes called "a School of the Prophets." It is said that formerly there were one hundred and sixty ministers in the limits of that Quarter, and a Friend told the writer recently, that she remembered when there were seventeen ministers in that particular meeting. Stephen Grellett, who belonged there, once delivered therein a remarkable communication, in which he predicted what has since largely come to pass. He said the meeting would wither and wither and die out; and these seats become vacant, with none to fill them.

Uriah Borton from Rancocas, attending the meeting, and took us to his house to dine; soon after we went to their meeting house at half-past two o'clock, where quite a large number of persons assembled. After a time of solemn silence, I felt constrained to open my mouth and proclaim the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to this mixed assembly, their hearts appearing open to receive the doctrine preached unto them, I trust, in love. Some other religious service was attended to through the day and evening, which, with the meetings, when brought to view on laying my head upon my pillow, filled my heart with love to my Heavenly Father for his mercy and goodness unto me, in such a manner that it was some time before I felt like closing my eyes for sleep. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Second-day, Twelfth Month 30th.—We made as many as ten calls on Friends and a few others, and mostly to good satisfaction; this was a little duty which I felt best satisfied to perform, and though some sad things were brought to view in some places, yet I was well satisfied that I gave up to the service.

Seventh-day, First Month 4th, 1879.—We went over to

Plainfield, N. J., and put up with Mark's nephew, William Taylor, he and his dear wife making us very comfortable indeed.

First-day, 5th.—The meeting at this place is very small and weak. A few others coming in, we had a good, solid meeting. The word preached had free course, and some tenderness was manifested among those present. And my own heart was softened and my spirit contrited before the Lord, under a fresh sense of his mercy and love to me, poor and unworthy as I felt myself to be. It seemed best for me to return thanks to my Heavenly Father upon the bended knee for all his goodness, and to ask of Him that He would be pleased to meet with the two or three which met in that place, and enable them to offer unto Him true living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc. I left the little meeting with a feeling of peace. Dined at Dr. South's, with some other Friends, and had some religious service. Feeling we had done what we could, returned home in the evening, with a hope that the blessed cause of Truth had not suffered because of our being with this little company.

Third-day, First Month 7th.—We went up to Trenton in order to attend Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, held there in the odd months of the year. It is small, whether held here or at Crosswicks'. Though there are several religiously exercised Friends, members of this Monthly Meeting, yet there appears to be a want of heartfelt religious exercise on the part of others, which causes a dullness of feeling too much to prevail. I endeavored in the ability afforded, to stir them up to more faithfulness, and if needs be to double their diligence, in making their calling and election sure whilst time and opportunity were lengthened out unto them, it might be, in great mercy, giving a little more time

to prepare for a never-ending eternity, etc.; relieving my mind of a burden which rested upon it, I left the meeting with the feeling of peace. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Dined at Henry Wood's. Very pleasantly called upon our aged friend, Ann Kaighn, who is bright in old age. Took tea and had a comfortable time at Philip P. Dunn's. Home in the evening.

First Month 20th.—Mark Balderston and myself went over to Rahway, N. J., to attend the funeral of Edward Shotwell, whom we visited when in Rahway Twelfth Month 18th, 1878. He had been confined to the bed for about sixteen years, much paralyzed; lower limbs and speech much affected; always patient and uncomplaining when I had seen him—this being my third visit, at least, to him, it being very instructive to me. He was quite familiar with the Bible, and appeared to be a Christian, putting his whole trust in the Lord alone. His daughter took care of him, and Friends were very kind to him and her. He was sensible till very near the close, and passed quietly away in the ninetieth year of his age. The funeral very satisfactory. Glad we were there.

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## CHAPTER IX.

ATTENDS CONCORD MONTHLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT FALLS-  
INGTON, THE FUNERAL OF ROBERT THOMAS, BURLINGTON  
QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF THOMAS JANNEY,  
THE MEETING AT MANSFIELD, N. J.—NOTICE OF THE DEATH  
OF ABBIE T. WALTER—ATTENDS NEW GARDEN MEETING—  
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ACTER OF DR. CHARLES EVANS—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF PHEBE ANNA MENDENHALL—ATTENDS CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF EDWARD BALDERSTON—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—VISITS PLAINFIELD AND RAHWAY—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—REMARKS ON A DRY, LIFELESS MINISTRY—ATTENDS PHILAD'A QUARTERLY MEETING—REMARKS ON THE ATTENDANCE OF HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS CALN QUARTERLY MEETING—REMARKS ON THE NECESSITY OF THANKFULNESS FOR OUR VARIOUS BLESSINGS—ATTENDS THE MEETINGS AT MARSHALTON AND CHRISTIANA, PENNA., THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS, HIS OWN MEETING—REMARKS ON THE DEATH AND CHARACTER OF HORATIO C. WOOD—REMARKS ON SILENT MEETINGS—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT CROPWELL, N. J., THE MEETING AT WEST PHILADELPHIA, TWELFTH STREET MEETING—REMARKS ON THE NECESSITY FOR CLEAR-SIGHTED ELDERS—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, NEWTON MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF EZRA EVANS, HIS OWN MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF C. ALLEN HAMBLIN—IS RAISED UP FROM FEELINGS OF GREAT DISCOURAGEMENT AT HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JOSEPH BARTON, THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES W. REEVE, THE MEETING AT FRANKFORD, THE FUNERAL OF S. ROSELMA PAIST—NOTICE OF HIS OWN MONTHLY MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF TILMAN PATTERSON—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES WILLIAMS, OF TILMAN PATTERSON, OF JAMES H. CRESSON—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF LYDIA H. BALLINGER, OF DANIEL SATTERTHWAITE, OF GEORGE BUZBY—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS—ATTENDS THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1880, THE MEETING AT MOUNT LAUREL, N. J.

Sixth-day, First Month 31st.—Attended Concord Monthly Meeting, which was, perhaps, larger than sometimes, because of a passing. We settled down under a feeling of solemnity, which seemed like a little evidence that we were

not forsaken. But I was brought under an exercise which evidenced to me that all was not right, even among the few plain-looking Friends in this place. The great and high profession we are making, not only one to another, but to surrounding beholders, was brought to our view, and if we lived up to our profession, we should first love our Heavenly Father, and then our neighbor as ourselves. Evil surmising and vain imaginations would cease, and as we submitted to the will of our Heavenly Father He would draw us near unto Himself, and one unto another, etc. The Gospel message went forth freely, and the meeting appeared to be baptized into the one Spirit, a solemn covering being spread over us.

Fifth-day, the sixth of Second Month.—At Fallsington. This meeting is larger than some others, but not strong, though there are a few well-concerned Friends. As in many other places, there seems to me to be a great want of religious exercise and travail of soul for their spiritual welfare and the promotion of the blessed cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth. After passing through much mental exercise, I stood upon my feet with these words, "As the husbandman prepares the fallow ground of his field to receive the seed (and this some of you know, my dear Friends, is oftentimes done with much labor and toil), so the Lord, if given heed unto, will prepare our hearts to receive the seed of his Heavenly Kingdom, which, if properly cherished and nourished, will take root downward, and spring upward and bring forth fruit some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred-fold." These subjects were treated upon at some length, and applied to us as individuals, in relation to our experience and growth in the ever-blessed Truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Holy Redeemer. The meeting was brought into solemn silence, and on taking



my seat my peace flowed as a river, and I praised the Lord for his mercy and goodness unto me this day; truly his precious promises remain to be yea and amen for ever, to all his humble, trusting children. We returned home in the evening, with hearts filled with love to our Father in Heaven.

Second-day, Second Month 10th.—Attended the burial of our aged, beloved friend, Robert Thomas, of Burlington, N. J., at whose house I staid all night Twelfth Month 28th, 1878; and after breakfast the next morning we had a comforting and satisfactory opportunity together. The covering spread over us was truly precious; and under much feeling I brought to view this language: Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart; rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness! It seemed to me our aged friend was drawing very near the close of this life, and there was a word of cheer and comfort raised in my heart for him. And then I had a salutation of Gospel love to his dear daughter and granddaughter for their dedication to their aged parent, and when he was taken hence to be seen here of men no more, they would have the sweet reward of peace, etc., to the peace of my own mind. Robert made some feeling remarks, desiring that they might so live as to be permitted to receive the crown at the end of the race. The fresh remembrance of these things fills my heart with love and thankfulness to our Father in Heaven. The relatives and friends met in the meeting-house, which was filled on the first floor, or nearly so. This large company settled down under a very solemn covering, and many hearts were softened and our spirits contrited before the Lord. Eliza P. Gurney broke the silence, bringing to our remembrance, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no

guile." This, she thought, was applicable to the dear departed, and alluded to his faithful adherence to the doctrines and Christian testimonies of our religious Society, etc. Several other testimonies were borne to the worth and uprightness of his Christian life among the children of men. Those present were exhorted to follow the beloved departed one, as he had followed Christ, that he was what he was by the grace of God; and if we were faithful and obedient to the Divine will, we might be enabled also to become preachers of righteousness by consistent lives and conversation among those with whom we might mingle in our daily walks, etc. I felt well satisfied in giving up to attend this burial, believing it was good for me to be there.

Third-day, Second Month 25th.—Mark Balderston and myself attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting. Ruth S. Abbott, Deborah Rhoads and Deborah Brooks were also present. We all took part in the vocal exercises, I trust to the satisfaction of most, if not all. To me it was an open, relieving opportunity, and though the exercise was close and plain, it was delivered, as I apprehend, in the love of the Gospel of Christ. Ardent were my desires that the strong, middle aged and young men might be willing to yield themselves up to the will and service of our Holy Redeemer; that there might be a succession of burthen-bearers raised up in that place—a succession of those who are not ashamed to confess our Holy Redeemer before men, etc. Very few sit facing the meeting, so few are they who make the appearance of Friends. Having relieved my mind of a heavy burden which rested upon it, and being made renewedly sensible of the Lord's tender love and goodness to me, poor and unworthy as I am, and ascribing all praise, glory and honor to the Lord God and the Lamb, I left the meeting, feeling the reward of sweet peace.

Second Month 28th.—Attended the funeral of Thomas Janney, at Newtown, Bucks County. The relatives and friends met in the meeting-house, which was large and filled with people, some sitting on the steps, and quite a number standing, but all very quiet. Thomas belonged to the Society known as Hicksites, but he often told me that he could be nothing but a Fox, Penn and Barclay Quaker, and exemplified this in his daily walk and conversation. A member among them spoke at some length; after which I was enabled to preach the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to the large company present, in a manner which, I think, was clear, and greatly to the relief and peace of my own mind; the meeting, seeming to be baptized into the one Spirit, the covering which was spread over us seemed as though it might be felt as with the outward hand.

Seventh-day, Third Month 8th.—Mark Balderston and myself went up to Columbus, N. J., Charles Wright meeting us at the depot, took us to his son-in-law John Comfort's, who with his wife made us very comfortable; they being in the younger walks of life, I was more than willing to remain with them all night.

First-day morning, 9th, went to meeting, which was large. Elizabeth C. Dunn came into meeting, of which I was glad, she had good service. After a time of deep exercise, way opened for me to stand upon my feet, with a clear testimony to the goodness, mercy, love and almighty power of our Father in Heaven, who is still watching over and caring for his humble, dependent children; such as these I believe were comforted. Others were encouraged to go into even a critical examination, in order that they might be enabled to see in that light which enlightens every man that cometh into the world, whether their day's work is keeping pace

with the day, yea or nay. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God;" this language was brought to view with much feeling and, I trust, in the love of the Gospel of Christ, and living desires were raised in my heart, that we all might be engaged in the working out our soul's salvation with fear and trembling before God; for it was an individual work, and we were left without excuse, for the Grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. The meeting was very solemn, and it was a relieving opportunity to me. There seemed an ear to hear. My heart was filled with love to God and man. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for He has dealt bountifully with thee!

Seventh-day, Third Month 29th.—I went out to my friend, Robert Walter's, whose daughter and only child was in a critical condition, being in the last stage of consumption. Soon after I arrived they informed me she had suffered much from oppression through the afternoon, and was very weak. Soon after tea it became evident that she was drawing near the close, several of the relatives were called up-stairs, soon after others were called, and after a time I also went up into the room where she lay, and took a position where I thought she would not notice me; but being quick to discern, she extended her hand toward me, to the surprise I think of us all, which I took in mine, and sat down by her. Soon the clock struck and she queried what time it was, she was told eleven; very soon she looked round as we supposed for her father, he went and leaned over her, kissing her forehead and cheeks, this did not seem to satisfy her, she putting up her lips for him to kiss; this manifestation of heart-felt affection was truly touching. A few minutes only had passed, when the same affecting scene took place the second time, when she seemed prepared to give all

up, her dear father included; and in a short time she distinctly said, "Happy, happy, happy," and by twenty minutes past eleven she had ceased to breathe. A very solemn feeling spread over us, and a petition was put up to our Father in Heaven, that He would be pleased to sanctify this great bereavement to every one of us for good. That He had, through Divine love and mercy, been pleased to gather the dear daughter into one of his heavenly mansions, be with the dear father, give him to feel that thy all-sustaining, almighty arm of power is made bare round about and underneath, strengthening and supporting him under his great affliction, and that it might be the means of drawing us all nearer unto himself in spirit, etc. I felt it a privilege to be present on the solemn, and to me deeply interesting occasion, wherein our hearts were in some measure at least touched with the love of our Heavenly Father, and manifesting unto us in a remarkable manner the efficacy of Divine Grace!

First-day, Third Month 30th.—Went to New Garden Meeting, under a fresh sense of the removal of our dear young Friend, some of our hearts were tendered and a solemn feeling spread over us. I felt my mind drawn out toward the dear young Friends present in the love of the Gospel, earnestly desiring that they might yield obedience to the will of our Heavenly Father, etc. The coming of our Saviour, even Jesus Christ our Lord, whom God sent into the world, that whosoever might believe on Him, should not perish but have everlasting life, was alluded to; as also his second appearance without sin unto salvation; and the teaching of his humble, dependent, trusting children by his Holy Spirit, was largely proclaimed amongst them and the effects of this Divine and holy teaching, if given heed unto, would be manifested by our lives and conversation among the children of

men, etc. I earnestly desired there might be a succession of burthen bearers raised up in that place, even those who are not ashamed to confess our ever-blessed and holy Redeemer among the children of men, etc. My spirit was tendered before the Lord, under a deep sense of his mercy and goodness to the children of men. The meeting closed with much feeling, and I returned to Robert Walter's, feeling satisfied that I had attended the meeting.

We spent the afternoon and evening as quietly as the circumstances permitted, much feeling being manifested for the father, relatives and friends of the deceased. I returned home on Second-day morning with a feeling of thankfulness to my Heavenly Father, that I had been permitted to mingle with those who keenly felt the loss of the dear departed one, who, we believe, through redeeming love and mercy, has been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace!

Fourth Month 15th.—For some weeks I have been silent in our own meetings, feeling that deep exercises and heavy burdens were my portion, and at times ready to faint and give out by the way, but desired to keep low, to be patient, and dwell in silence all the Lord's appointed time, and not go forward until He gave the command, and trust I was in measure faithful in these respects.

Our friends, Samuel F. Balderston, Deborah Brooks and Phebe Elkinton, all appeared in testimony to the goodness, love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, and incited us to more faithfulness in the discharge of all of our religious duties, etc. I felt constrained, as I apprehended, to bow before the Lord our God, under a fresh sense of our nothingness and entire inability to do any good thing as of ourselves; craving that our God would in his mercy create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us, etc., and rendering unto Him and the beloved Son of his bosom the

tribute of thanksgiving and praise. A solemn covering was over the meeting, and I felt as though the bands with which I had been bound were broken and I set free; my heart was filled with love to God and my fellow-men, with tears on my cheeks I did praise the Lord for his mercies to me this day. Amen.

The Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders convened on Seventh-day, the nineteenth of Fourth Month; several visitors from a distance were present who informed they were liberated by their Friends at home for religious service within the limits of our Yearly Meeting. Some of their testimonies were very trying and unsatisfactory: one saying we were retarding the spreading of the Gospel because of our "blind prejudices," etc.

The general Yearly Meeting was opened on Second-day morning, the twenty-first of Fourth Month. A few words of caution and affectionate counsel were followed by a season of deep silence, which was refreshing to many. The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, showing the labors of that body for the past year, which were large and interesting, and they were encouraged to continue their labors in every good word and work.

Third-day, 22nd, was occupied in reading and answering the Queries, during which time much good counsel was administered to Friends generally, inciting us to a more faithful discharge of all our religious duties, etc. The regular routine of business was transacted with much harmony and brotherly condescension. The last sitting was on Sixth-day morning, the twenty-fifth, during which time several Friends were engaged in earnest and loving exhortation to different classes present, and thanks were offered to the Lord for his preserving care and gracious help during the several sittings of the meeting. A sweet, solemn silence spread over

the assembly, which was felt to be precious and better than words; and under this covering the concluding Minute was read, many hearts being tendered and contrited before the Lord.

First-day, Fourth Month 27th.—I attended the meeting in West Philadelphia. Our beloved Friend, Dr. Charles Evans, who had always attended this meeting with me, having deceased Fourth Month 20th; his vacant seat brought me into deep thoughtfulness, and a solemn covering spread over the meeting; after a time I gave expression to what rested upon my mind, and it was thought we had a good, solid meeting.

Charles Evans was the son of Jonathan Evans, an elder of large religious experience, and greatly esteemed for his clearness of judgment and firm support of the principles of the Society of Friends. His son Charles set out to be a man among men—but his health failing, when still young, he yielded to the visitations of Divine Grace, and in the latter part of his life especially, occupied a very important position in the church, as an uncompromising defender of our principles and a clear-sighted supporter of the Discipline of the Society.

When *The Friend* was started in 1827, its first editor was Robert Smith, of Burlington, a man of culture and taste, and gentle disposition. As old age and infirmities came upon him, his son-in-law, Dr. Evans, relieved him in the discharge of the editorial labors, which gradually devolved wholly upon him. He continued to perform these for many years until advanced age and an accumulation of other concerns induced him to withdraw from the position of editor. Many of the editorial articles which flowed from his pen were strongly-written defences of the principles of Friends, and warnings against the introduction of practices which he foresaw would lead away from primitive Quakerism.

Among his literary labors may be mentioned the *Examen*, a defence of early Friends from the charges of the



late Robert Barclay, a descendant of the Apologist, who, in his history of the religious Societies of the Commonwealth, had broached the theory that George Fox derived his doctrines from the Baptists. He edited the journal of his brother, William Evans, a beloved minister in Philadelphia, and wrote an elaborate history of the rise of our Society, entitled, *Friends in the Seventeenth Century*.

In a visit made by the writer in 1882 to his aged preceptor, the venerable Daniel B. Smith, then in his ninetieth year, Daniel spoke "of the remarkable religious development of Dr. Charles Evans in the last few years of his life; and of his communications in our Yearly Meetings, so eminently clear, concise and solemn, showing that he was rapidly ripening for a better world."

His firmness and decision of character were often felt to be very helpful when propositions of a doubtful or dangerous tendency were advanced by injudicious Friends, either in meetings for discipline or in some one of the important committees of which he was a member.

He was for many years a warmly-interested and influential member of the committee having charge of the Boarding School at Westtown; and he showed his interest in it by making it the residuary legatee of his estate.

As an Elder, he was concerned to watch over the flock and to prevent, as far as he could, the introduction among it of doctrines at variance with our principles. And in the exercise of this care he frequently came in conflict with preachers who had departed themselves and were endeavoring to sow the seeds of departure in others, from the long-established belief of our Society.

In the afternoon I had a testimony in our own meeting, much to the relief of my own mind, and I trust to the comfort of some present.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 3rd, was our Select Quarterly Meeting. Our friend, Dr. Charles Evans, had acted as clerk to this meeting for several years. Charles J. Allen was appointed for the day, and performed the service to the satisfaction of the Friends present.

Second-day, Fifth Month 5th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was held, to the comfort and encouragement of very many Friends ; though some would have been better satisfied if silence had been more observed by some of the strangers present.

First-day, Fifth Month 11th.—Our friend, Phebe Anna Mendenhall, attended our meeting this morning to my satisfaction. Her testimony was full, clear and some of it pretty close, in relation to the high profession we make to surrounding beholders, and the importance of a consistent walk therewith, etc. She bore a strong testimony against speaking evil of others, who were, perhaps, better than ourselves, etc. I had full unity with her in these respects, and believed there was cause for the exercise, and hope we shall improve by it. She dined at our house very pleasantly.

Third-day, Fifth Month 13th.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting, which was thought to be a good, solid meeting. A large number of young Friends being present, they, with others, were exhorted to yield obedience to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in their own hearts, in order that they might be fitted and prepared by our Heavenly Father to take the places of those who have been and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards ; the several communications were very harmonious, and, I think, very satisfactory to Friends generally. But we are not sufficiently willing to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross and follow our Holy Redeemer in the way which would be pleasing in the Divine sight. May obedience keep pace with knowledge, is the desire of my heart.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 17th.—Attended the funeral of Edward Balderston, at Fallsington Meeting-house, Bucks County, Penna. It was large, solemn and thought to be a

very satisfactory opportunity. Edward was highly esteemed among men, which was evidenced by the large number present. He appeared to be preparing to become a useful member of Society ; but, alas ! cut down in the prime of life, being about forty-five years of age, leaving a wife and one child seven or eight years of age. His removal is keenly felt by his family, relatives and friends. I fear sometimes that the attending of funerals does not make the tendering impressions upon my mind which it did when I was younger ; and why is it so ? Have I become more hardened in my feelings, or less concerned about my soul's salvation ? I hope neither is the case, but desire to be kept alive to the things which appertain to my eternal welfare. O Lord, be thou pleased to quicken me by thy Holy Spirit, and enable me to do thy will day by day, that I may grow in grace !

First-day, Sixth Month 29th.—Felt quite unwell ; but as many Friends were away from the city, I concluded to try to attend our meeting, which was small. But it was very quiet, and I was raised up to proclaim to those present that there was none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus ; dwelling at some length upon his outward and also his spiritual appearance, etc. ; and the query had arisen, Are we practical believers in his outward appearance, suffering, crucifixion, ascension and second appearance without sin unto salvation, etc. ? That I was not one of those who believe that immediate Divine revelations had ceased ; but that God did, even in this day and hour, condescend to reveal his will to his creature man by his Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts, and as we give heed thereto we should grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. Though I arose with but little

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in view, way opened for me to bring the things which appertain to our souls' salvation very clearly before us, greatly to the peace and relief of my own mind. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Having a desire to see my friend, Joel Wilson, who is in feeble health, I went up to Plainfield on Seventh-day, the 12th inst., and in company with Richard Esterbrook and family, we rode over to Rahway. On First-day, the 13th, attended meeting, I think to our satisfaction, and Friends seemed very glad to see us. Dined at our friend, Joel Wilson's, very pleasantly, he appearing as one waiting for the coming of his Lord. After making some calls, we returned to Plainfield in the evening; and on Fourth-day, the 16th, attended the Monthly Meeting, which is small, to the relief and peace of my own mind, the Gospel flowing freely. Praise the Lord, O my soul! A very warm day. Returned home in the evening, my friend Richard Esterbrook with me.

Seventh Month 27th.—After attending several meetings, silent as far as I was concerned, my mouth was opened this day at our meeting and I was enabled to relieve my mind of an exercise which had rested heavily upon it. My way seemed closed up some weeks, and I desired that I might be made willing to suffer in silence all the Lord's appointed time and not to move forward without his bidding, for I believe this is the Rock upon which some of our ministers split, they become impatient and thus move forward in their own way, time and strength. May I ever be preserved from this snare of the enemy of our soul's salvation. A dry, lifeless ministry does not benefit the hearers, and brings leanness into our own souls. O Lord preserve me as in the hollow of thy holy hand.

Eighth month 4th.—The General Quarterly Meeting was held, which was small, but few strangers present. I broke

the silence of the meeting by quoting, "When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, etc." Making some remarks afterward at some length, which brought sweet peace to my spirit, for which favor, I trust I was thankful to my Heavenly Father. Several Friends took part in the vocal exercises of the meeting, mostly to pretty good satisfaction. The business part of the meeting was pretty long, but ended comfortably.

Eighth Month 10th.—Attended our own meeting in the afternoon, the smallest I think I was ever at in the present house. Fourteen men and about twenty-one women present. Great changes have taken place within a few years, many have passed from works to rewards, and many leave the city in summer, so that there are but few left who are able to attend afternoon meetings.

Eighth Month 15th.—Attended Caln Quarterly Meeting, which was large for these days, a number being present who were not members, and they seemed very quiet and interested. Samuel Bettle broke the silence of the meeting, Joseph Scattergood followed at some length, then I felt constrained to stand upon my feet and was enabled to relieve my mind of an exercise which rested upon it. Charles Rhoads appeared in supplication, and several others spoke. The exercises were very harmonious and it was thought to be a time of favor. But I fear these seasons of favor are too soon forgotten and we again settle down in an unconcerned or lukewarm state of mind. Very many are the blessings we enjoy and they appear to be showered down upon some with an unsparing hand by our Father which is in Heaven. May we ever remember that every good and perfect gift comes from Him and Him alone, and while we are enjoying these gifts I desire we may not forget or forsake the giver!

Eighth Month 16th.—Samuel Worth met me at West Chester and took me to his house, where I was nicely cared for.

First-day 18th.—Attended their meeting at Marshallton to pretty good satisfaction, the Gospel flowed freely and I left the meeting with a peaceful mind, but it seemed to me things were in a rather low state among them. Dined at Marshall Fell's very pleasantly and called on some sick and afflicted friends, I trust to the profit of us all. Then went to our aged friends, John Worth's, one of the objects of my visit; found him feeble but very pleasant and bright. An example of simplicity and uprightness, and we trust doing his day's work in the daytime. Should it be my last visit, I can look back to it with satisfaction.

Eighth Month 23rd.—In company with my friend, Margaret Lightfoot, I went to Parkesburg to our friends, Jane B. Smith and family, some of the children away at school, but four daughters and one son at home, good examples in attending their meetings, a distance of nearly five miles, and the road not very good. It did seem to me these children deserved much encouragement for the exertion they made in order to attend their religious meetings which are very small indeed. The son does his part. Their father deceased more than a year since; I was deeply interested in being with them.

First-day morning, the 24th.—We went to their meeting, which was much larger than usual, some of the members and others, hearing a stranger was to be there. It seemed to me there was a solemn feelingspread over us, and we sat in silence for a considerable length of time. When the time came for me, as I believed, to stand upon my feet, I called attention to the purpose for which we had assembled, even to worship Him who made the Heavens and the earth

and all that in them is, etc. Quoting the testimony of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well, "The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him, God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc." And after some time, brought to view the coming of our Saviour, in his outward and also his Spiritual appearance, at some length. It was a time of favor to me, and before the meeting closed I felt to commemorate the goodness, mercy and love of our Heavenly Father upon the bended knee, and petition Him that He would be pleased to draw us all nearer unto Himself and enable us more effectually to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc. Sweet peace flowed in my heart, but all praise belongeth to our Father which is in Heaven! After a time of solemn silence we broke the meeting, but not one individual moved, and we sat quite a little time, all sitting as quiet as though no attempt to break the meeting had been made; when a Friend who sat next to me rose from his seat, I doing the same, the meeting separated very quietly indeed. Truly the Lord has been good to us this day, praise his holy Name, O my soul! Returned to Jane B. Smith's and spent the afternoon in pleasant converse upon subjects of a religious character, in which the young people seem much interested. After reading a chapter from the Bible in the evening, I felt it right to endeavor to encourage the dear children in the faithful discharge of all their religious duties, and commend them for their perseverance in attending their religious meetings, and upholding our doctrines and Christian testimonies! Gospel love flowed through my heart to this interesting family, and I left them with a feeling of sweet peace!

Sixth-day, Ninth Month 19th.—Our Meeting for Sufferings was held to good satisfaction. The business that was brought before it was disposed of in a careful, solid manner. Much feeling and harmony prevailed, so that some of us could say it is good for us to be here.

Third-day, Ninth Month 23rd.—Our friend, Phebe W. Roberts, attended our meeting, and after sitting some considerable time in silence, she had a lively, impressive testimony of encouragement to some whom she believed to be present and who were often brought under much discouragement, etc., with which I had full unity. After which I felt constrained to cast in my mite commending what she had said to our serious consideration.

I sometimes fear the word preached does not produce the same effect that it did when I was young. But as we cannot always tell what is going on in the hearts of the people, we must leave it all to Him who said, my word shall not return unto me void! Our friend, Horatio C. Wood, was buried this afternoon, a large number of relatives, friends and many others, assembled on the occasion, evidencing that he was held in high esteem. He was a Friend of great integrity and uprightness of purpose, entering into sympathy and feeling with those who were struggling with the world and the changes which take place therein, often making use of his means for their comfort; he will be very much missed in this and many other ways. May this event be the means of stirring some of us up, even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure before we go hence to be seen here of men no more! I feel that I can adopt this language, O my leanness, my leanness! be thou pleased, O Lord, to quicken me by Thy Holy Spirit, enlarge my understanding in the things which belong to my salvation. Manifest Thy will concerning me,



O gracious and Holy Father, and furnish me with ability to perform it to Thy praise, glory and honor. Amen!

First-day, Ninth Month 28th.—Our meetings this day were held in silence, and I hope it was a time of profit to some at least, but it is a day in which silent meetings are very irksome to many, even those who are members of the religious Society of Friends. May we be more and more enabled to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, this is much wanting as I believe among us as a people in the present day.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 11th.—I went over to Berlin, New Jersey, to visit my cousin, Ezra Stokes and family.

First-day, 12th.—We attended their meeting at Cropwell, which, like many others in the present day is small and weak. Very few elderly people left among them, and the younger members seemed disposed to get along in a smooth, easy way very much taken up with the things of the world and the spirit thereof. While there was no great aboundings, I was enabled to relieve my mind of an exercise which rested heavily upon me, encouraging them to a more faithful discharge of all their religious duties, not only to themselves but to others. Yielding obedience to the Divine will concerning them, taking up the daily cross, denying themselves and following our Holy Redeemer in the way He would have them go, that there might be those raised up among them fitted and prepared by the hand of the Lord, to take the places of those who had, and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, etc. The meeting was very solemn, and after a time of silence I felt constrained as I thought, to acknowledge upon the bended knee, the goodness, mercy, love and almighty power of our Heavenly Father, craving that He would be pleased to soften our hearts and contrite our spirits, etc., that we might be prepared as with the heart of one man, to ascribe

all glory, honor, salvation and high renown unto Him and his beloved Son our Holy Redeemer, who is everlastingly worthy of all praise not only now but henceforth and forever, and ever, Amen and Amen! A very precious covering was over the meeting, and I left it with the feeling of peace! Made some calls, and returned to my cousin's in the evening, and home the next morning, feeling well satisfied in giving up to this little service.

First-day, Tenth Month 19th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was quite large, and I trust a good solid meeting. After a time of deep exercise I arose upon my feet in much fear, and said, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith." This testimony of the Apostle had rested with weight upon my spirit with deep instruction, and the query had arisen again and again, are we ashamed of the Gospel of Christ? Are we ashamed to confess our Holy Redeemer before men? Are we ashamed to confess upon whose side we are? Matter rising before the view of my mind beyond my expectations, and to my own instruction as well as I hope, profit. All praise belongeth to our Heavenly Father.

At Twelfth Street, in the evening, a young woman arose in testimony, and in a few minutes appeared in supplication, much to my surprise, for it seemed to me the meeting lost rather than gained by it. Oh for clear-sighted elders and those who would seek for that wisdom which is profitable to direct aright, that they might be qualified to advise and counsel those who require care in relation to the ministry, as well as other things. Though there had been much

said, I felt as I thought, constrained to add my mite, and after alluding to the importance of silently waiting upon God, in order that we might experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, etc. I said, if we would grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we must be willing to come under his crucifying, baptizing power and cross; laying all of our own willings and runnings as in the very dust before the Lord, under a deep sense of our own nothingness, and dependence upon Him from whom we receive every good and perfect gift. Friends were very kind, and expressed their satisfaction with my company and services. I felt very thankful to my Heavenly Father for his mercies and goodness to me this day. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

Second-day, Eleventh Month 3rd.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held this day, which was large, and several strangers present. There was much speaking, most of which, I trust, was to our comfort and edification. But it does seem to me great care should be exercised, in large meetings especially, where there are quite a number of those who speak to the people. Five spoke who were not acknowledged ministers, and two out of eleven who were acknowledged. Some Friends thought it was a favored season, and I think we had much to be thankful for. But to me Truth did not rise into dominion, as at some other times when there was much less said. The meeting for worship held two hours, and I think some Friends left with burdened minds, even after that length of time. The business part of the meeting was quite satisfactory, some pertinent remarks being made by several Friends.

First-day, Eleventh Month 16th.—First-day morning attended Newton Meeting, Camden, N. J., which was large for the place. I was enabled to relieve my mind of an ex-

ercise which rested with weight upon it, endeavoring to stir up the minds of those present to more faithfulness in the discharge of their religious duties, and that they might feel the responsibility that is resting upon us, as we profess to be the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord; professing to be led and guided by his Holy Spirit, etc., to the peace of my own mind; and I did praise the Lord for his goodness to me this day. Friends were very kind. Dined with my friend, Richard Esterbrook, and returned to our own meeting in the afternoon.

Third-day, the 18th.—Attended the burial of Ezra Evans, at Cropwell, New Jersey, there was a large company present, though the day was very wet. It was a very solemn opportunity, and I was raised up to bear testimony to the goodness and mercy of our God, and the great importance of our being prepared for such an hour as this, that sooner or later we should all be separated from each other, and appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil, etc. Great solemnity prevailed, and deep feeling was manifested by many Friends and others. I felt it was good to be there.

First day morning, Twelfth Month 7th.—Attended our meeting, feeling greatly stripped, and my faith tried even to an hair's breadth, sitting as with my mouth in the very dust, and in my distress I cried unto the Lord; and in his tender love and mercy He was pleased to lift up the light of his countenance upon me, raised me upon my feet to proclaim his Gospel to those present, in a clear testimony of his goodness, love and almighty power, and greatly to the comfort and peace of my own mind; praise the Lord, O my soul!

Twelfth Month 20th, Seventh-day.—Went over to Had-

donfield to attend the burial of C. Allen Hamblin, a young man about twenty-three years of age, and of good reputation, and son of a first cousin of my wife. The company met in Friends' meeting-house, most of whom were young and middle aged. A number seemed much tendered. Several short but earnest exhortations, especially to the young, were held forth, that they too, might be also ready; and that they might double their diligence in making their calling and election sure before they, too, were called hence to be seen here of men no more. They were reminded also that it was not every one that "saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in Heaven!" It was a solemn season, and I hope may be remembered by all that were present, for it was of the Lord's tender mercies!

First-day, Twelfth Month 21st.—I went to our own meeting under great discouragement, feeling poor and needy, and sat in this state for some time, as with my mouth in the very dust before the Lord. After being entirely emptied of all good, one thing after another arose in my mind, until the love of God seemed shed abroad in my heart, so that in some measure it was comparable to being raised from the dead. And after a time I felt constrained to stand upon my feet, and said the religion that was ushered into the world by the coming, suffering, crucifixion and ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, teaches us humility and godly fear, fear of offending Him who made the Heavens and the earth and all that in them is. And let us remember that it is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life, and I believe the testimony of our Holy Redeemer is as true to-day, and in this hour, as it was in that day when it emanated from his Holy lips. I spoke for

some time, pressing the importance of humility and godly fear, and our entire dependence upon Him for every good and perfect gift, and desired that we all might draw nearer and nearer to our Heavenly Father, dwelling more and more under the influence of his Holy Spirit day by day; and as we were faithful and obedient unto Him, we should experience our peace to flow as a river, and our righteousness to become as the waves of the sea.

First Month 2nd, 1880.—Attended the funeral of uncle Joseph Barton, near Cropwell, New Jersey, a member of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting of Friends. A large company assembled at the house. It was very quiet and satisfactory. Charles Rhoads, Elizabeth R. Evans and myself participated in the vocal exercise, I trust to the comfort of some, and desired that others might be stirred up even to the doubling of their diligence in making their calling and election sure whilst time and opportunity were lengthened out, and not defer until to-morrow what should be done to-day.

Seventh-day, First Month 10th.—Attended the funeral of Charles W. Reeve, of Mausfield, New Jersey. We met in the large meeting-house, which was nearly filled, up and down stairs. It was a solemn opportunity; the way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed to the people assembled, which was made up of various denominations, and some who belonged to none, perhaps. Our friend, Henry Wood, took a good part in the vocal exercise, and we were comforted together in the love of the Gospel, and thought it good for us to be there. We made a short visit to the widow, to our satisfaction.

First-day, First Month 18th.—Attended the meeting at Frankford this morning, feeling poor and stripped on my way thereto. The meeting on the men's side of the house

was large for the place, and I was told it was frequently the case. The covering which was spread over us, to me was solemn, and after a time of silent waiting, I felt it might be right for me to call our attention to the importance of silent spiritual worship, for God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc. A strong appeal was made to the young, especially to the strong young men, that they might be willing to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ, that they might become prepared for usefulness in his Church; and as they were faithful and obedient to the Divine will, their peace would flow as a river. Much was said to persuade them to take up the daily cross, deny themselves, and follow our Holy Redeemer in the way He would have them go, etc. I was upon my feet for some time, the Gospel message flowing freely, all praise to our Father in Heaven! David Heston also spoke to the young in a strong, persuasive manner. It was thought to be a good meeting. I returned home to dine and attended our meeting in the afternoon; and felt thankful for the favors of the day.

First Month 21st, Fourth-day.—Attended the funeral of S. Roselma Paist, a member of our meeting, in the twenty-eighth year of her age. Being unfavorably situated, and not much strength, she passed through much suffering in body and mind. I made her a visit about a week previous to her death. She seemed calm and resigned, saying her Heavenly Father knew better than she did what was best for her, and she left all to Him. Her burial was attended by a considerable number of relatives and friends, and it seemed to me was a time of solemnity and instruction. Those present were encouraged to more faithfulness in working out their soul's salvation with fear and trembling before God; and these words had been sounded again and again

in my mental ear—"It is well with the child." I left the meeting feeling calm and peaceful.

First Month 27th, 1880.—Our Monthly Meeting was held this day. Phebe W. Roberts and Abbie W. Hall were in attendance, and both spoke very encouragingly to the faint, weary, and rightly exercised little ones. To me it was as a brook by the way; having felt for some weeks as though I was passing through deep waters, and at times ready to sink. But our Heavenly Father is merciful, just, kind and all powerful, and will not suffer his humble, trusting, dependent children to perish! Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

Second Month 2nd, Second-day, was held our Quarterly Meeting; a number of strangers present, and after a few minutes of silence, there was almost continuous speaking for near two hours, some of which seemed to me to hurt the meeting. Oh, for righteous judgment! Tilman Patterson, who attended the meeting, apparently in usual health, and with whom I conversed after meeting, went with his wife to Abbie Wood's to dine, where he fell and expired in a few minutes. I suppose it was not over but less than one hour after I conversed with him. We were shocked, and felt it was a solemn warning to us all. This, added to the death of Samuel Bettle, and our beloved friends, Mary Whitall and Charles Williams, who are lying corpses at this time, has made a deep impression upon many of us. May these bereavements stir us up even to the doubling of our diligence before we, too, are called upon to give up our stewardship, that we be no longer stewards. For truly we know not what a day may bring forth. Oh, that it may please our Heavenly Father to watch over and enable us to work out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling before Him, for without his aid we can do no good thing.



Second Month 4th, Fourth-day.—Attended the funeral of our late beloved friend, Charles Williams, which was large, and I trust mostly satisfactory, though I think we should be careful in eulogizing those who have passed from works to rewards, lest we exalt the creature more than our Heavenly Father, who is the Author of every good and perfect gift; all praise, glory and honor belong unto Him, and to Him only. And if we are saved with an everlasting salvation, it is only of the goodness, mercy, love and almighty power of our Father in Heaven, even by the mercy of God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Second Month 6th, Sixth-day.—Attended the funeral of Tilman Patterson, which was a solemn occasion. There were a number of short communications, and as far as I know, they were satisfactory. I hope the impressions made will not be as the early dew or the morning cloud that soon passeth away.

Second Month 7th, Seventh-day.—Attended the funeral of James H. Cresson, who attended the Quarterly Meeting last Second-day, and died Third-day evening, sitting in his chair, no one being present. We should be made sensible of the uncertainty of time by these solemn warnings, and be ready to meet the Bridegroom whenever He cometh.

First-day, Second Month 15th.—Attended our own meeting, in which I had been silent for a number of weeks, no way seemed to open for vocal exercise; but much mental exercise and suffering has been my portion in our meetings from time to time, unknown to any one but my Heavenly Father and myself. This day I was raised up to speak a word of encouragement to those who felt at times that their way was hid from the Lord, "I will bring the blind by a way that they know not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them,

and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them." This declaration of the Most High was brought forcibly to view, with the belief that the Lord's promises still remain to be yea and amen forever to all his humble, dependent, trusting children. Other passages of Scripture were brought to view to affirm the goodness, love and mercy of our Heavenly Father toward the workmanship of his holy hand, etc. The meeting was very quiet, and my heart did praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness unto me this day.

Third Month 16th.—Attended the funeral of Lydia H. Ballinger, late Jones, and daughter of Christopher Healy. She attended their Quarterly Meeting on Fifth-day, the 11th, went home, and while waiting upon their friends at dinner, stepped into an adjoining room, fell and expired almost instantly. She was buried at Newton, N. J., there being a meeting held to good satisfaction—another loud call to be found watching.

Third Month 17th, Fourth-day.—Attended the burial of Daniel Satterthwaite, an elder and member of Mansfield Meeting, N. J. Friends met in the meeting-house, which was full, and a good, solid meeting was held on the occasion. He leaves a widow, but no children. I was glad to be there, and desire these events may be the means of stirring me up to greater diligence in serving my Divine Lord and Master.

Second-day, Fourth Month 12th.—Attended the funeral of George Buzby, near Masonville, New Jersey, which was large and very quiet. Hannah Warrington and myself were the only ones in the station of ministers. Hannah sat in silence, but way opened in my mind to speak a word to the bereaved for their encouragement, I trust, and to the peace of my own mind. Then my spirit was, as I apprehend, drawn out toward those present, especially the younger

ones, in the love of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with a desire raised in my heart that they might so live as to become prepared for such an hour as this, for the time will come when we, too, must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil, etc. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Fourth Month 16th.—The Meeting for Sufferings was held this day; much religious exercise was felt on account of the low state of the Church, and the apparent indifference of very many of our members. A desire was expressed that there might be more of an individual exercise and travail of soul for our own spiritual welfare and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus, and also for the promotion of the blessed cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth, etc. The meeting was generally satisfactory. May our Heavenly Father direct our steps aright!

Second-day, nineteenth of the month.—The Yearly Meeting met at ten o'clock, which was large, and an evidence granted that we are not forsaken by the Head of the Church. The business which came before us was performed in a satisfactory manner, to the rejoicing of many of our hearts. The several sittings were favored with fresh evidences of the Divine presence. And during the latter part of the meeting a solemn covering was mercifully spread over us, and vocal thanksgiving was offered for that extension of Divine favor which had enabled the meeting to transact its business with dignity and harmony to the honor of its Holy Head. Some short and lively exhortations and acknowledgments of the Divine goodness were made by different Friends, and the concluding Minute was read. A solemn silence followed. A feeling of comfort and of thankfulness, we believe, was participated in by most, if not all, who were

privileged to be present on this interesting occasion. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 8th.—Richard Esterbrook and myself went up to David Darnell's, at Mount Laurel, N. J. Attended their meeting on First-day morning, which was a low, exercising season. After a time of almost suffering, a little light sprang up, and I stood upon my feet, though in much weakness, and was enabled to relieve my mind of a pretty close testimony, endeavoring to stir them up to more faithfulness in the things appertaining to their souls' salvation. And a word of cheer went forth to the rightly exercised. Richard Esterbrook held forth a clear, lively testimony, proclaiming the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We made several calls upon some of the younger members. Returned home Second-day morning, with calm and peaceful minds.

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## CHAPTER X.

ATTENDS THE MEETING AT WEST PHILADELPHIA, DARBY MEETING—PASSES THROUGH DEEP DISCOURAGEMENT—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT PLAINFELD, N. J., CALN QUARTERLY MEETING, GOSHEN MEETING, THE MEETING AT HADDONFIELD, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES H. ABBOTT—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF MARY TOMLINSON, THE MEETING IN READING, PA., THE FUNERAL OF ELIZA W. HUTTON, OF HANNAH B. WARD—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT WOODBURY, N. J., PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VISITS ROBERT L. WALTER—ATTENDS WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF CASPAR STOKES, THE MEETING AT ORANGE

STREET, PHILADELPHIA, AN APPOINTED MEETING IN THE SIXTH STREET HOUSE FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS, AN APPOINTED MEETING IN THE SAME PLACE FOR MINISTERS, ELDERS AND OVERSEERS, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS, HIS OWN MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, HIS OWN MEETING—THE FUNERAL OF JOSIAH BACON, OF SUSANNA SMITH, THE MEETING AT MALVERN, PENNA., THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM HICKS—VISITS AN AGED MAN—ATTENDS A MARRIAGE AT PARKERVILLE MEETING—VISITS WESTTOWN SCHOOL—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JANE S. COMFORT, THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1881, THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES HAINES, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF CHALKLEY WILLS, THE MEETING AT EASTON, N. J., THE MEETING AT WEST CHESTER, PA.—VISITS WESTTOWN BOARDING SCHOOL—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—NOTICE OF THE ASSASSINATION AND CHARACTER OF JAMES A. GARFIELD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF ISRAEL WOODWARD—VISITS PLAINFIELD, N. J.—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT BURLINGTON, N. J.—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JOHN J. WOOLMAN.

Fifth Month 16th, 1880.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was as large as usual, though there was a larger number of young men or lads than I had observed before. These, and the young women present, were exhorted to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ now in the morning of their day, and as they dwelt under the influence of his Holy Spirit they would be preserved from the snares and temptations to evil by which they were surrounded. And as they were obedient to the Divine will, the Lord would, in the riches of his love and mercy, lead them safely along in that straight and narrow path which leads to everlasting rest and peace, etc. A word of encour-

agement was held forth for the hungry and thirsty souls, which seemed to find a place in the hearts of some. Anna Votaw from Indiana was present; appeared in supplication and testimony. I trust the meeting was held to the honor of Truth. All praise belongeth to our Father in Heaven, unto us nothing but blushing and confusion of face.

First-day, Fifth Month 23d.—Attended Darby Meeting, which, with few exceptions, is composed of middle-aged and young members, numbering some forty or fifty; several who are not members, were present. The meeting was very quiet, and much attention was given to what was said in relation to silent worship, to the teaching of the Holy Spirit, to the necessity of denying ourselves, taking up our daily cross and following Christ in the way He would have us go, dwelling under the influence of his Holy Spirit, etc.

Very deep have been my baptisms, trials and discouragements for the last two weeks, and perhaps known to none but my Heavenly Father, who in his love and mercy enabled me to keep my head above the waves and billows, which seemed ready at times to overwhelm me. My suffering has been great, but it is good for us to feel that we are nothing. Christ is all. The prayer of my heart has often been of latter time: O Lord, be thou pleased to manifest thy will unto me in much clearness, and enable me to perform it to thy praise, glory and honor. Amen.

Yesterday, First-day, Seventh Month 18th, went to our meeting, feeling poor and stripped of all good. James Bromley, not in the station of a minister, quoted the passage of Scripture: "After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts: and I will be their God and they shall be my people," etc. A little life and light sprang up in my heart, and after a time I felt constrained to bring to view the testimony of the

Apostle: "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching," etc., to the end of the text. I said, however, often we may have read or heard this testimony, it was as true and as applicable to us in this day as it was in the days of the Apostle; and it was in harmony with what we had heard, and it would be well for us to give heed to this small, inspeaking voice in the secret of our hearts, etc. But I feared some of us were too much disposed to turn aside from these Divine visitations in the secret of our hearts, and ready at times to conclude there was nothing in the influences of the Spirit of Truth, etc. And this language had been sounded in my mental ear: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart in departing from the living God." I earnestly desired we might all bow very low before the Lord, draw near to Him in spirit, that we might hear the gracious words which proceed from his mouth, etc.; and as we were faithful unto Him we should be brought to experience a portion, at least, of that peace which the world with all its fashions, riches or maxims, cannot give, neither can it take away. My strength was renewed; my faith in the love, mercy, goodness and almighty power of our Heavenly Father was increased.

Eighth Month 2nd.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held this day, several communications, and while there was no great aboundings, there were evidences that we are not a forsaken people. In the meeting for business, the reading of the Queries and answers brought the meeting under some religious exercise, and some pertinent remarks were made, I hope, to good effect, especially in relation to the attendance of our religious meetings, both for worship and discipline, many of which are very small, and the query often arises, What can be said that has not been said, or what can be

done that has not been done, in relation thereto. But we must not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap, if we faint not.

Eighth Month 6th.—Sixth-day afternoon went over to Plainfield with my friend, Richard Esterbrook, and First-day the 8th, attended the meeting there to good satisfaction, the Gospel flowing freely. Richard had good service in testimony and supplication; made some calls and returned home on Second-day evening the 9th, feeling well satisfied with my plessant visit.

Eighth Month 13th, Sixth-day morning.—Richard Esterbrook and myself went up to Caln, in order to attend Quarterly Meeting there, which was well attended and a good, solid meeting it was thought to be. Richard Esterbrook had good service in testimony and supplication; and I was enabled to relieve my mind of an exercise which rested with weight upon it, and I trust to the satisfaction of Friends, as it was referred to in the meeting for business. We felt well satisfied in giving up to this service, though we went in much weakness. But more faithfulness in the discharge of all of our religious duties is greatly wanted among our members generally. A greater manifestation of interest and religious exercise, in our Meetings for Discipline would be encouraging to those of us who are drawing near the close of this life.

Eight Month 14th, Seventh-day.—I went out to Malvern, and on First-day morning the 15th instant, my nephew, Levi Thomas, took me to Goshen Meeting, which is very small, but we were favored with the Divine presence to our humble thankfulness. A very precious covering was spread over us, and the Gospel flowed freely to the little company present, and I could truly say I was glad to be there, and Friends were very kind and expressed their satisfaction



with my visit. Dined at Jacob Roberts', called at Isaac Hall's in the evening, lodged at my nephew's again, and returned home Second-day morning, feeling thankful for the many favors received from my Heavenly Father, to whom belongs all the praise, glory and honor.

First-day morning, Eighth Month 22nd.—Attended meeting at Haddonfield, N. J., which was an exercising season to me, but after a time way opened for me to encourage the honest and upright, those who are faint and weary, and yet hungering and thirsting after righteousness; such as these were encouraged to hold on their way, and as they were faithful, the Lord, in the riches of his love and mercy, would arise for their help, etc. The importance of silent and spiritual worship was clearly brought to view. The lukewarm and those that are at ease were exhorted to give heed to the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of their hearts, and not be disposed to turn away therefrom, lest by so doing they find themselves as upon the barren mountains of Gilboa, where there is neither dew nor rain, nor fields of offerings; but they were entreated to yield obedience to the will of our Heavenly Father, in order that they might be made partakers of a portion, at least, of that peace, which the world with all its treasures, customs or fashions, cannot give, neither can it take away. This part of the vocal exercise was laborious, because it seemed to me there were those present who were not willing to receive the doctrine of the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of the heart. For such I felt much, and desired they might be brought to a proper sense of their condition as in the sight of our Heavenly Father. I left the meeting with the feeling that I had done what I could.

Eighth Month 25th, Fourth-day.—Attended at the house the funeral of Charles H. Abbott, a member of our meeting.

Rebecca Abbott, his wife, a daughter of the late Robert and Elizabeth Pitfield, left for Europe four or five days before his death, which occurred on the twenty-second instant. The circumstances made it very trying for their relatives and Friends. I trust it was a season of some favor, as well as some feeling. Samuel F. Balderston set forth the doctrine of the Gospel of Christ pretty fully, and I felt my way open to follow pretty much in the same way. Pressing the importance of giving heed to the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts, being engaged day by day in working out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling before God, whilst time and opportunity is, it may be in great mercy lengthened out unto us, etc. I felt the reward of sweet peace to flow in my heart, so that I could say it was good for me to be there.

Ninth Month 5th, First-day.—At our own meeting, our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, was largely engaged in testimony in relation to the coming and personal appearance on earth, etc., of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. After which I arose with these words: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered, that He might bear the sins of many"; and now to all those who look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. I made some comments upon the declaration, as I believed in good authority, and to the peace of my own mind. Samuel F. Balderston expressing full unity with what I had said, saying it was the supplement to what he had said. Our Heavenly Father is still good to his humble followers. Praised be his Name!

Third-day, Ninth Month 7th.—Attended the funeral of Mary Tomlinson, a second cousin of ours, a very innocent woman, honest, upright and humble, doing unto others as

she would be done by as long as she was favored with strength of body and mind to perform her religious and social duties. For two or three years she had become very child-like. The company was small, but I thought solemnity was spread over us, and I felt constrained to call attention to the importance of a preparation for such an hour, and that some of us might more seriously consider the subject of entering into an untried eternity. That the time was not distant, comparatively speaking, when we too must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil. Most of those present were not members of our religious Society, but they were very quiet and attentive, and some tenderness was manifested. Mary Tomlinson was seventy-five years of age, and buried in Friends' ground in Haddonfield, N. J. I can say it was good for me to be present on this solemn occasion.

Ninth Month 26th, First-day.—Went up to Reading and sat with Friends in a room rented for the purpose of holding religious meetings in, which is sufficiently large and comfortable. There were about twenty-five men, women and children present, whose deportment and attention to what was said, was quite satisfactory. On first sitting down, it seemed dull and discouraging; but light and life did seem to spring up, and after a time the way of life and salvation was proclaimed amongst them for some time, to the relief and peace of my own mind, and as far as I know to the satisfaction of those present. We dined with Thomas W. Smedley, who has an interesting family of children. Returned home in the evening, feeling a hope that the day had not been improperly spent, and thankful for the fresh extension of Divine love and mercy.

Ninth Month 30th, Fourth-day.—Attended the funeral

of Eliza W., wife of Finley Hutton, a worthy young Friend and much beloved. Several communications were borne on this solemn occasion, bearing testimony to the consistent life of the dear departed, and the mercy, goodness and love of our Father in Heaven. Richard Esterbrook, Joseph Scattergood and myself took part in the vocal exercises. It seemed good to be there.

Second-day, Tenth Month 11th.—Attended the funeral of our beloved relative and friend, Hannah B. Ward, a member and elder of Newton Particular and Haddonfield Monthly Meeting, N. J., in the eighty-ninth year of her age. Several testimonies were borne to her humility and uprightness, being a preacher of righteousness by her consistent walk and conversation among the children of men! It was a season in which we had cause for much thankfulness. I desire the tendering impressions made upon many of our hearts may be cherished and kept alive, so that a growth in the ever blessed Truth may be experienced by us all, etc.

Tenth Month 17th, First-day.—At our own meeting, after a time of deep exercise, and in much fear, I felt constrained to stand upon my feet and bring to view the testimony of the Apostle when he said, “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith.” Then the query arose, are we ashamed of the Gospel of Christ? are we ashamed to confess Him before men? There are a variety of ways in which we may be ashamed to confess Him before men, by word and by deed, etc., but as we were willing to dwell under the influences of his Holy Spirit, submitting our wills to the Divine will, we would be

made willing to confess our Holy Redeemer before men, and thereby grow in grace, and go on our way rejoicing in the Lord and joying in the God of our salvation, etc. ; greatly to the relief of my own mind. The meeting was very quiet and solemn, and my soul did praise the Lord.

First-day, Tenth Month 24th.—I went over to Woodbury, N. J., and attended meeting there. It seemed to me that religious, heartfelt exercise is much wanting on the part of, it may be most of the members; and yet they like to hear preaching, but there is too much of a disposition apparent to turn aside from it, endeavoring to satisfy themselves that there is time enough yet for them to deny themselves, take up their daily cross and follow our Holy Redeemer, preferring to wait until a more convenient season. I was upon my feet for some time, pleading with them; but whether they will hear or forbear, I must leave to Him who seeth the end from the beginning. I endeavored to follow my Divine Lord and Master, but did not feel relieved, as at some other times. Friends were very kind, and I felt very thankful, I trust, for the favors received, all praise being due to our Heavenly Father. Made some calls to my edification and comfort, and returned home in the evening.

Eleventh Month 1st.—Our Quarterly Meeting was larger than sometimes. Henry Wood, Samuel Emlen, Edward Sharpless, Rufus P. King and some other strangers were present. There was much good advice and counsel given in the first, and more than usual said in the last meeting. I hope we were a little stirred up to double our diligence in making our calling and election sure, whilst time and opportunity are in mercy lengthened out unto some of us, who need to be more in earnest in working out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling before God. While this is all important, it is well for all of us who are at times

engaged in the ministry, to be careful not to extend beyond "the preaching that I bid thee." I was apprehensive that the meeting was not benefitted by so much being said, it did not close under that solemn covering or feeling which is always desirable.

Fifth-day evening, Eleventh Month 18th.—Went out to Robert L. Walters'. He, with his niece, Annie Marshall and myself sat in solemn silence for some time, to the refreshing of our spirits. I made some remarks in relation to silently waiting upon God, and the solemnity which was spread over us. The loved, departed ones were afresh brought to our remembrance with feelings which humbled our spirits. It was good for me to be there, and I thought I was fully compensated for the little sacrifice I had made.

Sixth-day, the nineteenth, I attended Western Quarterly Meeting. Elizabeth C. Dunn, Samuel Emlen and myself were the strangers in the station of ministers. We were all engaged in vocal exercise. Some of their own members also were engaged in the exercise. Whilst it was thought to be a good meeting, and I thought we had much to be thankful for, yet it did not seem to me that life rose into dominion as at some other times. It is a day of much speaking in some of our Quarterly Meetings, and I sometimes fear the meetings are not benefitted thereby, except it is by the "preaching that I bid thee." Dined at Morris Cope's, very pleasantly, and returned home in the evening.

\*Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 25th.—Attended the funeral of my cousin, Caspar Stokes, at Medford, New Jersey. The relatives had a sitting at the house, in the room with the corpse, which was thought to be a time of great favor. What was said seemed to be well said, in which several of us participated, and the silence was very remarkable; it did seem that the Divine presence was in our midst, tendering

our hearts and contriting our spirits before the Lord. The body was then taken to their meeting-house (Hicksite) in Medford, where a large company assembled, and I was raised upon my feet to preach the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, at some length, greatly to the relief and peace of my own mind. The silence seemed almost profound, and remained so for some time after taking my seat. It was truly a time of Divine favor. Caspar Stokes was a man of few words, and remarked for his uprightness of character. He looked lovely in death, and was buried on his fifty-ninth birthday.

First-day, Twelfth Month 5th.—I attended Meeting at Orange Street, which is greatly reduced in numbers within a few years past; it was a very quiet, solemn meeting. But it seems to me there is great danger in this day of prosperity, with many who are engaged in business, of settling down in a state of ease and lukewarmness, enjoying much of the things of this world, and almost forgetting from whence they come; and hence they attend our meetings too much as a form or habit, and are not benefitted as they might be if they were brought under proper religious exercise and travail of soul, to be prepared to offer up unto God true living and spiritual worship which only is acceptable in his holy sight.

Elizabeth Allen was present and had good service. Abigail Hutchinson appeared in supplication in a touching and solemn manner. My soul did praise the Lord.

First-day eve, Twelfth Month 5th.—Our friend, Elizabeth Allen, had a meeting at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, at our meeting-house, Sixth and Noble Streets, for our younger members, which was pretty well attended, and she was favored in testimony and supplication. William Kite

took some part in the vocal exercise. It was a good, solid meeting, and I hope it was held to profit to many of us.

Surely the Lord will be clear and his servants will be clear as they are faithful, and if we are not saved with an everlasting salvation, the fault will most assuredly be our own. May we all be concerned day by day, even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure, whilst time and opportunity are lengthened out to some of us, in great and tender mercy!

Second-day afternoon, Twelfth Month 6th, at half-past three o'clock, our friend, Elizabeth Allen, had a meeting in our Monthly Meeting-room, for our Ministers, Elders and Overseers, which was felt to be a favored opportunity, and I do desire her labors may not be in vain; for I believe her exercise was a right one, and I trust she will have her reward. She pressed the necessity of deep searching of heart, that all our defilements might be cast out, so that we might be good examples to those about us, thus inviting them to come and have fellowship with us; and evincing that truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

First-day morning, Twelfth Month 12th.—Attended the Meeting in West Philadelphia, which was large for the place. The forepart of the meeting seemed dull and laborious, but after much exercise there was a solemn feeling spread over us, which was to me very precious, and my mind was, as I believed, drawn into near and tender sympathy with one or more in the meeting who were carrying heavy burdens, and very unexpectedly I felt constrained to bring to view the encouraging invitation of our holy Redeemer—"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give rest," etc., making some remarks showing the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, to the



tendering of some of our spirits. The Gospel flowed freely, and I felt that my spiritual strength was renewed. Rebecca Ann Cooper appeared in supplication in a rather remarkable manner. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven for his goodness and mercy unto us this day!

Twelfth Month 16th, Sixth-day, was our Meeting for Sufferings, which was a season of Divine favor. The meeting was brought under religious exercise in relation to the importance of embracing every right opening for circulating the approved standard writings of the members of the religious Society of Friends, and holding up a testimony against a salaried ministry, etc., and also of the importance of living up to the high profession that we are making, that we may be good examples to those about us, etc. These exercises brought a very precious feeling over the meeting, tendering our hearts and contriting our spirits before the Lord for all his tender mercies!

First-day morning, First Month 2nd, 1881.—Our Meeting was well attended, taking the walking and the weather into consideration, which was cold. Deborah Brooks broke the silence of the meeting in a short testimony. Very unexpectedly to me, I felt constrained, as I thought, to stand upon my feet with these words, "What an unspeakable mercy and favor it is to feel of a truth, that the love of God is indeed shed abroad in our hearts, humbling and contriting our spirits before the Lord; and as our hearts are filled with the love of God, all that his controversy is with is cast out. Thus we come to experience something of the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and to know something of that baptism that John alluded to when he said, 'I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but there cometh one after me who is preferred before me,' " and on

to the end of the text. How clear it was, that all of a light, chaffy nature must be consumed, etc.

And now at the commencement of another year, if, on taking a retrospective view of the past, we had in any way broken our covenants with Him who remains to be a covenant-keeping God, may we, my dear Friends, bow very low before the Lord, and crave of Him to enable us to renew our covenants with Him, and be more watchful, more careful, and more prayerful, that we might be enabled to turn away from those things which retard our progress Zionward. etc. I felt greatly relieved and enjoyed the reward of sweet peace! Phebe Elkinton bowed in supplication to the throne of Grace, giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for all his mercies unto us this day. It seemed to me to be a very solid, good meeting, for which Divine favor I trust I was thankful!

First-day, First Month 16th.—The Meeting in West Philadelphia this morning was not so large as at some other times, but it seemed to me to be a time of favor. I thought I felt constrained to bow in humble supplication to our Father in Heaven, that He would be pleased to sanctify us through his Truth whose word is Truth. “And give us to feel that Thou art a God nigh at hand and not afar off. O Lord, be Thou pleased in the riches of thy love and tender mercy, to grant us a portion of that living bread which cometh down from thee out of Heaven, and which alone can nourish up the soul unto everlasting life, and draw us nearer and nearer unto thyself; and O, holy Father, be Thou pleased to preserve us in the hour of trial, temptation and discouragement. Bring us near together, so that we may be enabled, even as with the heart of one man, to offer unto thee and thy beloved Son the tribute of thanksgiving and praise, who art everlastingly worthy of all glory, honor,

salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth and for ever and ever. - Amen!"

Second Month 6th, was a favored season to me in our own meeting. My mind was deeply impressed with this injunction: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. I endeavored to call attention to these last words, and the importance of being obedient to the will of our Father in Heaven, that we might abide with Him for ever, etc. Through the course of my communication, I said that immediate Divine revelation had not ceased. But such is the goodness, love and mercy of our God that He does still reveal his will to his humble, dependent, trusting children, etc. I was upon my feet for some time, and felt great peace on taking my seat. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Third-day, Second Month 9th.—Attended the funeral of Josiah Bacon, who died suddenly and unexpectedly. A large number were present, many of whom were not members of our religious Society, but whose deportment was commendable. Our friend, Phebe W. Roberts, broke the silence, which was solemn, with a pathetic testimony to the near relatives and others. Richard Esterbrook followed with a strong, doctrinal testimony, in a clear, impressive manner. I then stood up with these words: "And if we neglect so great salvation as has been alluded to, the fault will most assuredly be our own. For it is declared that the grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching," etc., to the end of the text. And re-

minding us that there is no other name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus, etc. Desiring we might all double our diligence in making our calling and election sure, while time and opportunity were lengthened unto us. I felt very peaceful afterwards. I trust the time spent was not lost to some of us. But, alas! how soon we forget these solemn occasions. O Lord, be thou pleased to humble our spirits, preserving us as in the hollow of thy holy hand!

Seventh-day, Second Month 12th.—Attended the funeral of our friend, Susanna Smith, an overseer and member of our meeting. She fell upon the ice, breaking her hip-bone about four or five weeks previous to her death, from the effects of which fall she never rallied. Her services will be much missed in our meeting. These, and other bereavements, should be the means of inducing us to look into our own hearts and enquire, “Is my day’s work keeping pace with the day, yea or nay?” A serious consideration for us all.

Second Month 27th.—Richard Esterbrook and myself went out to Malvern. Attended meeting there, which was larger than usual, a number coming in who were not members. I felt poor and stripped; but after a time of deep exercise and travail of soul, light sprung up, and I broke the silence of the meeting with these words: He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. I believed this precious promise had been fulfilled in the experience of the righteous of all generations, and would continue to be fulfilled in the experience of all those who love the Lord with a perfect heart and a willing mind. After a time of solemn silence, Richard Esterbrook ap-

peared in a strong doctrinal communication, proclaiming the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with much feeling and power. He spoke at considerable length; the meeting was very quiet, and great attention appeared to be given to what was said. Although we felt great poverty in going to, and after getting into the meeting, we were well satisfied in having given up to attend to this little requiring. Thankfulness arose in our hearts to the Father of all our sure mercies for his goodness and love unto us this day. And all praise, glory and honor belongeth to our Father in Heaven.

Third-day, Third Month 1st.—Attended the funeral of our friend, William Hicks, who had taken care of our meeting-house about twenty-five years, and gave very good satisfaction. He was a meek, humble man, and bore his afflictions, in his last sickness, with much Christian patience and resignation to the Divine will, saying he had nothing to trust to but the mercy of his Heavenly Father, and was willing to leave all to Him; he saw nothing in his way. The funeral was pretty satisfactory.

Sixth-day, Third Month 11th.—In company with my friend, Joseph S. Elkinton, I paid a visit to an aged man who is confined to his room, and has been for a long time. He is not a member of our religious Society. I felt much sympathy for him in his affliction. We both had something to say, I trust for his consideration, as well as, I hope, for his comfort. He appeared very thankful for our visit, and what was said to him, and we felt well satisfied with having given up to this little service.

Fifth-day, Third Month 17th.—Attended Parkerville Meeting, Chester County, Penna.; where John Balderston and Anna E. Marshall entered into the marriage covenant in a very commendable manner. The meeting was very

quiet. Morris Cope and his niece Debbie were present; both spoke briefly, and I threw in my mite. It was thought to be a very satisfactory meeting. The entertainment at the house, as well as the order observed by those present, was also commendable.

Third Month 19th.—In the afternoon went over to Westtown and attended meeting there. It is interesting to see such a large number of children together sitting in meeting in a becoming manner. I encouraged them to prize their privileges, and cherish the tendering impressions which had been made upon their minds from time to time, even in that place; for it seems to me our Heavenly Father was watching over some of them in an especial manner, and if they were faithful and obedient unto Him, He would in the riches of his love and mercy lead them safely along in that straight and narrow path which leads to life everlasting. I called their attention to the importance of Divine and silent worship, waiting upon the Lord in the silence of all flesh, in order that we might experience a renewal of our spiritual strength. It was a great trial to me to make a visit to Westtown, among the learned teachers and others, but I felt well satisfied in giving up to this little service; and thankfulness arose in my heart, to the Father of all our sure mercies, for his goodness and love to me this day.

Second-day, Fourth Month 4th.—Attended the burial of Jane S., wife of John S. Comfort, at Friends' Meeting-house at Fallsington, Bucks County. A large company were gathered together, and a very solemn covering spread over us, to the tendering of our spirits. Deborah Rhoads broke the silence of the meeting with a very satisfactory and applicable communication. I followed with a testimony relieving to myself, and I trust it was acceptable to most that were present. Our friend, Phebe W. Roberts,

then spoke with good effect, I think. Joseph S. Elkinton spoke briefly, which, I trust, found a place in the minds of some. Then Deborah Rhoads appeared in a very touching supplication; after which Elizabeth C. Dunn spoke in a manner that I thought ought to satisfy all present; and I said in my heart, glory to God, for He has truly been with us this day. I spoke to the bereaved husband and children. Dined at Mercy Comfort's, and returned home toward evening, feeling satisfied that I had made this little sacrifice. It was believed that the dear departed had been, through love and mercy, safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace.

The Meeting for Sufferings, held Fourth Month 15th, was a very interesting occasion, and humbling to many of our spirits. The Select Yearly Meeting, held Seventh-day, Fourth Month 16th, was to pretty good satisfaction. Our friend, Elwood Dean, from Ohio, was very acceptably with us. Our meeting on First-day morning, the seventeenth of Fourth Month, was large. A blind woman Friend, Sallie Foushee, from North Carolina, appeared in supplication early in the meeting, and soon after spoke at some length. Some others spoke, and the meeting was thought to be a favored one. Sallie Foushee dined with us, and gave us some account of her life. She is about thirty-one years of age; been a member of our religious Society three years. There was no one to have the care of her when she was very young, and she was placed in the almshouse. After a time she was admitted to the institution for the blind, and perhaps received a pretty good education. She appears to be conversant with the Scriptures, speaks fluently, and uses very good language. She appears to have been convinced of our doctrines and testimonies, generally from impressions made upon her own mind, as I understood her. Morris Cope, Clarkson Sheppard and

several others were present, and it was to some of us a very interesting and instructive occasion.

The Yearly Meeting commenced its sittings on Second-day morning, Fourth Month 18th, and the several sittings, with some exception in one of them, were very satisfactory and encouraging. We felt we had much to be thankful for, evidences being granted that we are not a forsaken people. As the meeting drew toward its close, the minds of Friends were much drawn into solemn silence and the enjoyment of the sense of the Divine presence. A desire was expressed that we all might be favored to meet each other around the throne in Heaven; vocal supplication and thanksgiving were offered; the concluding Minute was read, acknowledging the extension of Divine favor to us, and after a precious season of solemn silence, the meeting separated.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 23d.—Attended the burial of our cousin, Charles Haines, of Moorestown, N. J. It was large and quiet; several Friends were engaged in testimony. I felt more liberty than at some other times. The testimonies were harmonious, and seemed to have a solemnizing effect. Quite a number of Friends have been called from works to rewards within a few weeks, and I desire it may be the means of stirring some of us up to greater diligence in the all-important work of our souls' salvation. Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths, lead me in thy Truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation!

Fifth Month 1st, First-day.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was large for the place. Great poverty of spirit was my portion for a season. To me a precious silence seemed to be spread over us, which was encouraging. A Friend appeared in supplication. My mind



was brought under a weighty, religious exercise and travail of spirit, it seemed to me on account of some one or more who might be present, and who had strayed far and wide from their Heavenly Father's house. The language of the Apostle to the Galatians was brought to view: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." I desired that we might all examine ourselves, in order that we might be favored to see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether we are sowing to the flesh or to the Spirit.

Third-day.—Attended the funeral of Chalkley Wills, of Rancocas, N. J., who died very suddenly and unexpectedly. He, his wife and two daughters, had been at our house the week before. A sudden and sore bereavement to his interesting family and a large circle of relatives and friends. A very large company gathered in the meeting-house, and it seemed to be generally felt that it was a solemn occasion. There were several communications, which seemed well adapted to those who were present; and among other things, I desired the tendering impressions made upon some of our minds might not be as the morning cloud or the early dew, which soon passeth away, but that they might be treasured up and nourished, inducing us to double our diligence in making our calling and election sure, before we, too, are called to appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil, etc., to my relief and peace.

First-day, Fifth Month 8th.—In company with our friend, Richard Esterbrook, attended the meeting at Easton, New

Jersey, which is generally quite small. But Friends and others, hearing there were to be strangers present on that occasion, the meeting was well attended by persons in the neighborhood. Richard Esterbrook spoke at some length, early in the meeting, in a plain, clear manner, bringing matter close home to our feelings. After a time I stood up, with these words: "And if we neglect so great salvation as has been alluded to by our brother, the fault will most assuredly be our own; we are left without excuse, for it is very emphatically declared that the grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men."

Fifth Month 14th, Seventh-day.—My wife and self went to John H. Dillingham's, at West Chester. Attended meeting there on First-day morning, the fifteenth, which was large. Morris Cope was present, and after a time broke the silence with a brief, clear and encouraging testimony to those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. My mind had been brought under a very similar exercise, which I felt it best to bring to view, which I did at some length. William Scattergood took us to Westtown in the afternoon, in time for meeting there. Abigail W. Hall, Elwood Dean, from Ohio, and Joseph S. Elkinton, were present. Elwood took up most of the time. Joseph S. Elkinton in supplication, and Abbie W. Hall said a few words. The time was so taken up that I felt it was best for me to bear my own burdens. We took tea with Benjamin Hayes and family. I felt thankful and peaceful.

Sixth Month 7th, Third-day.—Our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, spoke largely of the salvation which is offered to all, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. After which I arose with, I have said in mine heart, if we would become partakers of that salvation which has been so largely brought to our view, if we would grow in grace and in the

knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we must be brought to feel and to know, that all of our willings, runnings and plannings must be laid as in the very dust before the Lord. I had earnestly desired that some of us, in an especial manner, might be made willing to dig deep, to lay our foundations low, even upon the eternal rock of ages, Christ Jesus, our Holy Redeemer. That we might be favored to feel the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, then there is no room for anything else, no evil speaking, no evil surmising, but all would be love and joy in the Holy Ghost. Then we should be prepared to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. That we never lived in a day when it was more needful for us to draw near to our Heavenly Father in spirit than the present day, and to be led by his Spirit, and if we were willing to submit our wills to his Holy will, He would, in his tender love and mercy lead us safely along, even in that straight and narrow way which leads to life everlasting.

First-day, Seventh Month 3rd.—Our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, alluded to the assassination of the President of the United States, which took place the day before, at Washington, Seventh Month 2nd. He set forth in a touching manner the wickedness of men, earnestly desiring their evil designs might be frustrated by an overruling Providence.

James A. Garfield was the son of a farmer who had settled in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, then almost a wilderness. He died when James (who was born in 1831) was an infant of eighteen months old, leaving a widow and several children. The family were very poor, and had a struggling time to make a living. James developed into a strong, able-bodied man, with unusual abilities. He labored hard, both with muscles and brain, acquired a good education, and

became the principal of the Hiram Eclectic Institute of Ohio.

His command of language, his skill as a debater, and his hostility to slavery rendered him popular in his State, and in the tempestuous times which marked the latter days of the slavery system, he was induced to enter politics, and was elected a member of the Senate of Ohio. In 1880 he was elected President of the United States, and on the fourth of Third Month entered upon the duties of the station under very favorable auspices.

A custom had grown up at Washington of allowing Senators to designate who should be appointed to certain offices in their respective States. As these appointments are required by the Constitution to be made by the President, Garfield thought the custom a bad one, and resolved to ignore it. He accordingly nominated a person for an important office in New York State, without consulting the Senators from that State. One of them, a man of much political influence, keenly resented what he considered as an act of political hostility to himself, and resorted to extreme measures to defeat the administration in this thing, but without effect.

The excitement produced by this controversy appears to have unsettled the mind of an ill-balanced, misguided individual, named Charles J. Guiteau; and led him to think that the removal of Garfield would benefit the political party to which he belonged. Accordingly he determined to assassinate him. On the second of Seventh Month, less than four months after his inauguration, the President went to the railroad depot in Washington, intending to make a journey to New England. As he entered the building Guiteau shot him with a pistol, the ball entering deeply into the body above the third rib. He lingered until the nineteenth of Ninth Month, when he ceased to breathe.

Israel Woodward, whom I called upon on the evening of the nineteenth of Sixth Month, 1881, passed quietly away from works to rewards Seventh Month 6th, 1881. It now comes to my notice that through the day that I called upon

him, he had felt very uncomfortable, and felt doubts and fears in relation to his acceptance by his Heavenly Father. His sister, who was with him most of the day, read to him such passages from the Scriptures as she thought suitable; toward evening he was more settled and calm. I knew nothing of the state of his mind when I went into his room. After some remarks were made we sat in silence for some time, when this language of our Holy Redeemer was unexpectedly brought afresh to my remembrance, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also." I said, how comforting is this language of our Holy Redeemer to his humble, trusting, children; calling attention to his love, mercy, goodness and almighty power, and as we were faithful and obedient unto Him He would make a way for us, where to our natural understanding there appears no way, and He was still able and willing to make hard things easy, and bitter things sweet, etc. He appeared glad of the visit, and said it was very satisfactory, holding my hand very closely in his. Very soon after I left he asked his sister if she had said anything to me in relation to the state of his mind; she said she had not. He thought it was very remarkable I should speak as I did, without any information. His sister called on me this day, Seventh Month 11th, 1881, giving me the above account. Much more might be said, but enough has been said to show the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, to his poor, dependent creature man, for all praise belongeth unto Him. My spirit was humbled, and living praises raised in my heart to the Father of all our sure mercies.

Seventh Month 5th.—I went over to Plainfield, New Jersey, to spend a few days with my friend, Richard Esterbrook, not being very well; attended meeting there on First-day, the seventh of the month; though small, it was thought to be very satisfactory, Richard Esterbrook and myself being engaged in vocal exercise, to the relief of our own minds and to the comfort of those present, as expressed by them. The life of true religion is very low in this place, which causes some to go mourning on their way, yet there does seem to be a little seed there which, if properly nourished and cared for, may in time bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of the great Husbandman, but if *neglected and rejected it will wither and die.*

Attended the Preparative Meeting there on Fourth-day, Eighth Month 10th. No man member of the meeting was present, and I think but three women who were members of that Preparative Meeting. Hannah South was the Clerk, the meeting was held jointly, and she acted with much dignity and propriety. Though the meeting was small I felt it was good for me to be there, for it did seem to me that we had the evidence of the fulfilment of the precious promise of our holy Redeemer, when He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

First-day, Eighth Month 21st.—Attended Meeting at Burlington, N. J., to my own comfort and peace. Friends were very kind indeed, seemed glad that they were remembered. This, since my memory, was a large meeting, now very small. While I attended the meeting, to my own peace, believing it was right to do so, my mind was brought into sadness and sorrow because there seems so little prospect of a succession of those who are willing to uphold and

promulgate the doctrines and Christian testimonies, as held by Fox, Penn, Penington, Barclay and many others of that day, as well as very many in the present century. May it please our Heavenly Father to lay his hand upon some, fit and prepare them by his almighty power to take the places of some, who stood as valiants for the Truth as it is in Jesus, but who have been gathered from works to rewards!

Ninth Month 20th.—Many, if not all, of our hearts, in this land as well as in other countries, are sad at the announcement of the death of the President of the United States, James A. Garfield, which took place last evening, the nineteenth of Ninth Month, at ten o'clock and thirty-five minutes, after much suffering. He was wounded on the second of Seventh Month last by a pistol-shot, in the hands of an *assassin*, as he was about to enter a car at Washington, to meet his wife who was at Long Branch, in order to make a little trip East, and with a hope that she might be benefitted thereby. What an evidence of the depravity of the human heart when not subject to the influences of the Spirit of Christ our holy Redeemer! He died at Long Branch, where he had been taken, with a hope he might be benefitted by the sea breezes; but alas, he has been taken hence, to be seen here of men no more!

Ninth Month 28th.—Attended the funeral, at the house only, of our dear friend, John J. Woolman, of Burlington, New Jersey. He was a great-nephew of John Woolman, the minister, of years since. John J. Woolman was a meek, humble-minded man, doing good to his poor neighbors, helping those who were worthy of help, in a pecuniary way, as well as in good counsel and advice. An aged colored man told me after the funeral that he (John) had helped him when he could not help himself; but the words of comfort and cheer which he had received from him done him much

good, and lived with him to the present time, "indeed he was a great man!" It was thought to be a satisfactory time at the house. His exemplary life was brought to view, with desires that we might follow him as he followed Christ our holy Redeemer! He was indeed a preacher of righteousness by a consistent life and conversation among the children of men. These and other things relating to our soul's salvation, were brought to view.

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## CHAPTER XI.

ATTENDS THE MEETING AT WESTFIELD, N. J.—NOTICE OF THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THAT MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING AT MOUNT LAUREL—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF CHALKLEY STOKES—VISITS WESTTOWN BOARDING SCHOOL—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF LYDIA S. WILLS, THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J.—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF THOMAS HUTCHINSON—NOTICE OF A SUDDEN DEATH—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF DEBORAH SLEEPER, BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF JONATHAN RICHARDS—REMARKS ON HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH PIERSON, OF PHEBE P. LOWRY, OF REBECCA W. ROBERTS, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1882, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J.—NOTICE OF A RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY AT ATLANTIC CITY—NOTICE OF THE LABORS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE YEARLY MEETING IN 1882—ATTENDS WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, HIS OWN MONTHLY MEETING, THE MEETINGS IN THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF ELLIS BRANSON—REMARKS ON THE ATTENDANCE OF HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY, THE FUNERAL OF HANNAH HICKS, THE FUNERAL OF SALLIE D. TAYLOR, THE MONTHLY MEET-



INGS OF THE WESTERN QUARTER, THE MEETING AT RANCO-CAS, N. J., THE MEETING AT MANSFIELD, N. J., HIS OWN MONTHLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER — MUCH INTERESTED IN A LITTLE GIRL — ATTENDS THE MEETING AT LONDON BRITAIN, PA., THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., THE MEETING AT FALLOWFIELD, PA.—NOTICE OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF CLAYTON LIPPINCOTT, THE FUNERAL OF SARAH COLE—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES DURING SERIOUS ILLNESS—ATTENDS THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1883.

First-day, Tenth Month 16th, 1881.—Richard Esterbrook and myself attended Westfield Meeting, New Jersey, which, from removals and deaths, has become very small, and mostly composed of middle-aged or young Friends, no man Friend sitting facing the meeting. Those present seemed to feel the responsibility which is resting upon them, and it was thought the meeting was held to the reputation of Society. They were encouraged to continue in well-doing, and to labor day by day after true and living faith, even that faith which works by love, and purifies the heart. They were very attentive to what was said, and a very precious covering was spread over the meeting, and the Gospel seemed as the dew of heaven upon the tender grass. Much tenderness was manifested in meeting, and a greater manifestation of true kindness and thankfulness for the visit I have not often observed.

This meeting was left in a very stripped condition at the time of the separation in 1827, most of the former members having gone with the separatists. It has been a small meeting during the sixty or more years which have since elapsed, but as some have been removed, others have taken their places, and it is larger now than it was immediately after the separation.

First-day, Tenth Month 23rd.—Attended the meeting in

West Philadelphia. Several persons whom we had not seen there before were present. My exercises, for the most part of an hour I should think, were quite indescribable. It seemed to me there might be one or more present who were very skeptical or almost unbelievers in the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All within me seemed to be moved on behalf of some present. After a time of mental suffering, in much weakness and fear, I stood upon my feet and brought to view the testimony of the Apostle Paul when he said, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief;" and after making a few remarks, I queried whether we were believers in this doctrine, pressing the subject close home to every one of us present, and desired we might all be willing to go into a very critical examination, in order that we might be permitted to see, in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether we were the humble followers of a meek, crucified and risen Lord, submitting our wills to the Divine will, so that he might be our leader, our feeder and our spiritual teacher, &c., and that this language of the Apostle had been sealed as it were upon my mind, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Matter flowed freely and plainly, but the faithful, upright ones, were encouraged to hold on their way, and the Lord would in his love and mercy lead them safely along in the straight and narrow way which leads to life everlasting, &c. I felt the reward of sweet peace on taking my seat. Rebecca Ann Cooper appeared in supplication very earnestly, much in accordance with what had been said. Truly the Lord was pleased to be with us, and unto Him belong all praise, glory and honor.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 29th.—I went to Mount Laurel, David Darnell meeting me at Moorestown and asking me to his house. Attended their meeting on First-day, the 30th, which is small, but to me it was a very solemn meeting, the Gospel flowing freely, and there seemed to be an ear to hear. Much tenderness was apparent. The uncertainty of life was brought to view, and the importance of our day's work keeping pace with the day, &c., was plainly, and I trust, clearly pressed upon those present. After taking my seat I felt constrained to bow before our Heavenly Father, craving that He would be pleased to draw us nearer and nearer unto Himself and bind us together as with a three-fold cord of his love, that we might, as with the heart of one man, offer up the tribute of thanksgiving and praise to Thee, Oh God, and thy beloved Son, who art everlastingly worthy.

After meeting I went with my cousin, Chalkley Stokes, and family to dine, he being in a very weak and feeble state of health. He was cheerful and pretty comfortable through the afternoon and evening, but I was deeply impressed with his appearance and uncertain condition, and said to his cousins it seemed to me he might pass away at any moment.

Just one week after I was there he, very unexpectedly to them, passed quietly away, without sigh or struggle. So quiet was the change that those in the next room did not see him until he ceased to breathe. I have rejoiced that it was my privilege to be with him so near his final change. May it be the means of stirring some of us up even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence to be seen here of men no more.

Eleventh Month 10th.—Attended the funeral of my

cousin, Chalkley Stokes. The company was large, and it was thought to be a solemn opportunity. There was not as much said as there often is on such occasions where there are several ministers, as was the case at this time.

The silence, as we stood around the grave, was very impressive. May the impressions made upon some of our minds be cherished and remembered, is the desire of my heart.

Eleventh Month 12th.—In company with my dear friend, Richard Esterbrook, I went out to Westtown. Attended the meetings next day.

Eleventh Month 13th.—In the morning sitting, I felt it might be best for me to endeavor to impress upon the minds of those present, especially the children, the importance of giving heed to the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the heart, keeping it open to the tendering impressions made upon them from time to time, cherishing and nourishing them; that thereby they might grow in grace. Such is the goodness and love of our Heavenly Father that He condescends not only to "*teach us to profit*," but to lead us in the path in which He would have us go. Many of them, I had no doubt, knew something of this Divine and holy teaching in the secret of their hearts. And I desired we might all live under the influences thereof, which would draw us nearer and nearer to our Father in heaven, and one unto another. Yea, we should be bound together as with a three-fold cord of our heavenly Father's love. Then the importance of silently waiting upon God, day by day, in order that we might experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, etc., was spoken of, greatly to my relief and peace. The order of the school and the deportment of the scholars, with the collections for reading, were very interesting indeed. I felt it was good for me to be there. Richard

Esterbrook had good service in both meetings. I was silent in the afternoon. It was very pleasant to mingle with some of the scholars in this, to me, very interesting institution. May it be kept, watched over and watered, from season to season, so that it may be a blessing to those who are privileged to attend the school, and bring the reward of peace to those who have the management and oversight of the school and farm.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 28th.—Attended the funeral of our beloved friend, Lydia S. Wills, of Medford, N. J., which was very large and solemn. A number of ministers were present, but not as much said by them as at some other times. Lydia was a valuable Friend in the station of an elder. She will be greatly missed in her family, meeting and neighborhood. Our meetings are much reduced by death and otherwise.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 3rd.—I went down to Barnegat, N. J., and called on several of the families of Friends in the afternoon and evening. Lodged at James W. Collins'; he, his kind wife and daughter making me very comfortable.

First-day, Twelfth Month 4th.—Attended their meeting, a number coming in who were not members; it was much larger than usual. On taking my seat, I felt poor, weak and stripped; but the meeting settled down into a very solemn silence, light and life sprang up, and I was raised up to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in a manner remarkable to myself. The love of God seemed to be shed abroad in my heart, and it flowed to those present, softening our hearts and tendering our spirits. As we dwelt under its influence, and the Spirit of Christ our Holy Redeemer, our love would be manifested, first, to our Heavenly Father, and then one to another, and thus we should be

bound together in the love of God, feeling with and for each other in our trials, afflictions and varied discouragements, etc. The feeling in the meeting was solemn, and I felt, as I thought, constrained upon the bended knee to offer unto our Father in Heaven the tribute of thanksgiving and praise for his goodness, love and mercy unto us this day. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name! The life of religion is very low in this place; but it did seem to me there was a renewed invitation to some present, and they were encouraged to close in with these visitations of Divine love and mercy, lest they might be withdrawn and they left, as it were, without God in the world, etc. Although there is much to lament and mourn over in this place, yet, I think, I never left it with such a flow of sweet peace. I visited all the families of Friends in the place, and returned home Second-day, the fifth inst., with a heart thankful for all favors.

First Month 1st, 1882.—At our meeting in the morning a young woman fainted, and afterward Samuel F. Balderston appeared in testimony, and while speaking was taken quite ill; was carried into the committee-room, when it seemed likely he would soon pass away. But the remedies used had the desired effect; he so revived that he was taken home in a carriage, Dr. Troth and one of his daughters with him; and Dr. Collins drove up to his house, and they soon put him in bed, where he seemed more comfortable. It was, as I was told, after coming from West Philadelphia, a very solemn time indeed. The meeting in the afternoon was a time of great silence and solemnity. Joseph Scattergood was present, and appeared in testimony to good satisfaction; made allusion to the feeling which had been spread over us. I thought it my place to revive this language: "Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord, for He is raised

up out of his holy habitation." It had seemed to me we had been permitted to partake of this silence, which was almost a holy silence, and a few more words, when I took my seat; it was, indeed, a precious silence. And thus closed a favored meeting.

Third-day, First Month 10th.—Attended the funeral of our aged friend, Thomas Hutchinson, who was in his eighty-second year. Several Friends spoke, some of whom bore testimony to his consistent, upright life. I had a short testimony, to the relief of my own mind. I have feared of latter time that there is a danger of eulogizing the departed ones to the hurt of the living, and it is not needful to the dead. O for more care!

First Month 24th.—Our Monthly Meeting was held, and all the business appertaining to the Yearly Meeting was brought before us, and was disposed of in a very satisfactory manner. Our friend, Phebe A. Elkinton's mother, who was at the table at breakfast, very unexpectedly died a few minutes before ten o'clock, which prevented several from attending the meeting. Another evidence of the uncertainty of life! As the body of the deceased was to be taken to the State of New York, her native place, for interment, friends and relatives met at Mark Balderston's on the evening of Fourth-day, the twenty-fifth of First Month. A very considerable number met, and it was a time of much feeling and solemnity. Several short testimonies from some present, were, it was thought, well adapted to the solemn occasion. The body was removed the next morning.

First Month 31st.—Attended the funeral of our aged friend, Deborah Sleeper, very meek, humble and consistent in all her movements; as far as appeared in life and conversation, a good example for us to follow. Several testi-

monies were borne to her Christian life; and those present were exhorted to more faithfulness in the discharge of all their religious duties, that they might know their day's work to keep pace with the day, following our Holy Redeemer in the way He would have them go, etc. She was a member of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, for the Northern District, and in the eighty-seventh year of her age. I was well satisfied with giving up to this little duty. How good the Lord is to all those who love and serve Him!

Second Month 28th.—I went up to Burlington Quarterly Meeting, which is greatly reduced in numbers within a few years past. While there was no great abounding, there was much to be thankful for. I felt that I had a word for the faint and weary, which was, I believe, to the comforting of some deeply exercised minds. Matter flowed freely, and I trust in good authority, and I felt the reward of sweet peace. David Heston had acceptable service in the last meeting. But the life of religion is at a low ebb in this as well as many other meetings. May it please our Heavenly Father to stir us up to greater faithfulness to his Holy will.

Second-day, Third Month 6th.—A considerable number of Friends and others met in Twelfth Street Meeting-house to pay the last tribute of respect to our beloved friend, Jonathan Richards, a member and elder of Western District Monthly Meeting. Much was said in relation to his upright, consistent and useful life. Several testimonies seemed more for the living, endeavoring to stir them up to more dedication of heart to the will and service of our Heavenly Father, etc. It was a solemn and impressive occasion, and I hope it will long be remembered by some of us at least.

Quite a number of other religious denominations were present, and I trust the word was rightly divided, and ap-



plicable to all present, which I esteem as a great favor. My spirit was humbled, and I believe deep impressions were made upon the minds of many. My spirit did praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

When U. S. Grant was elected President of the United States, he resolved to enlist the different religious organizations of the country in an effort to promote the civilization and welfare of the Indians, and accordingly proposed to several of them to select suitable persons for Indian agents and other offices. Among those who thus became connected with the Indian service was Jonathan Richards, who lived near Philadelphia, and was put in charge of the Wichita agency, in the Indian Territory. He was a man of great integrity of character, and filled the position with unblemished reputation. After his release he returned to Philadelphia.

Sixth-day, Third Month 23rd.—The body of our late beloved friend, Elizabeth Peirson, was taken to our meeting-house, Sixth and Noble Streets, at ten o'clock, where a number of Friends and others met to pay the last tribute of respect to her whom we loved in the Truth. Several testimonies were borne to her Christian life. Her mind had been much impaired for one or two years, but she often spoke of the mercy, love and goodness of her Heavenly Father, and she was waiting his time, which was the best time. At one o'clock of this day the body of our cousin, Phebe P. Lowry, wife of Edward S. Lowry, was taken to the Friends' meeting-house on Orange Street, where a large company of relatives, friends and many others, assembled for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to her, who was much beloved, perhaps by all who knew her. It was a solemn occasion, and the dear young people were exhorted to more dedication of heart to the will of our Father

in Heaven; and the bereaved were encouraged to put their whole trust and confidence in the Lord alone, for it was such as these He would never leave nor forsake. I felt deeply for the husband and near relatives. These bereavements should be the means of stirring us up even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence to be seen here of men no more. Be thou pleased O Lord, to quicken me by thy Holy Spirit, and preserve me as in the hollow of thy holy hand. So be it, O Father, if consistent with thy Divine will. Amen!

Fourth-day, Third Month 29th.—Attended the funeral of Rebecca W. Roberts at Easton Meeting-house, N. J. It was very large and solemn, she being about twenty years of age, and had a large circle of young friends. It was a mixed company; matter flowed freely for some time, and the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed amongst the people.

Our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders convened on the fifteenth of Fourth Month, 1882, and it was thought to be a time of great favor, and adjourned to meet on Fourth-day afternoon, the nineteenth of Fourth Month, at three o'clock, near which time Friends assembled, when we were again remarkably favored with the overshadowing of Divine goodness and the love of our Father who is in heaven. It was indeed a season which should be long remembered by some of us, for truly the Father of all our sure mercies did condescend in the riches of his love and mercy, to be in our midst, tendering our hearts and contriting our spirits before him in love, in which spirit the business which claimed our attention was disposed of.

The general Yearly Meeting convened on Second-day,

Fourth month 17th, and there were evidences from sitting to sitting that the Head of the Church was in our midst, enabling us to transact the business which came before us in much harmony and love, so that at the close it was thankfully acknowledged that it had been a time of Divine favor, in which an earnest exercise prevailed for the promotion of our doctrines and testimonies, and for the preservation of our members in a manner of life consistent therewith, and also for their growth in grace and an increase of spiritual life among them. A number of ministers, elders and others were present from other Yearly Meetings, who expressed their great satisfaction in being with us, some said they never attended such a meeting.

The meeting on Fifth-day morning at Sixth and Noble Streets, was very large. Thomas Yarnall spoke at some length, in a loving and persuasive manner. That was on the twentieth and he deceased the morning of the thirtieth, on First-day. Some others beside myself had service, and it was thought to be a good meeting. On the twenty-second of Fourth Month, Seventh-day evening, I went up to Medford with John Brantingham and wife, from Ohio, and attended their meeting First-day morning. John spoke at some length, and I threw in my mite, and while it was a comfortable meeting, it was not a time of great abounding. In the afternoon we attended a meeting in Mount Holly, which was thought by some to be a time of favor. I felt very calm and peaceful, as well as thankful to our Father in Heaven for his mercy and goodness unto us this day.

First-day, Fourth Month 30th.—At our own meeting, and very unexpectedly, I had a testimony to bear of the goodness, mercy and love of our Heavenly Father, even towards those who had strayed from the path which He would have

them walk in ; and I brought this precious promise to view, "I will bring the blind by a way that they know not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known ; I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight ; these things will I do unto them and not forsake them." A word of encouragement flowed freely to those who it might seem were indeed walking as in darkness. I was upon my feet for some time. To me it was a humiliating season, and I felt that I would like to go to some secluded place where I could praise and return thanks to my Heavenly Father for all his goodness and mercies to me, unworthy as I am.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 6th.—Not feeling well for some time, I went down to Atlantic City, though it was raining and a chilly east wind blowing pretty strongly.

First-day morning, the seventh of the month.—Phebe A. Elkinton, Mark Balderston and wife, Alice, and self were sitting reading and conversing when, without anything being said in relation to it, conversation ceased, and silence ensued. A precious covering spread over us, and it did seem to us that our Heavenly Father, in his love and mercy, condescended to be in our midst, teaching us by his Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts, and tendering our spirits by his holy presence. The vocal exercises were solemn and harmonious. It did seem good for us to be there, and the savor seemed to last through the afternoon and evening. Thanksgiving and praise were offered to our Father in Heaven for all his mercies.

At the Yearly Meeting held in 1882 much concern was felt for the preservation of our young people from the snares that beset their path. One of these was the effort to entice them to attend a series of meetings held in a private house, where some persons from a distance, professing

to be ministers in the Society of Friends, were laboring in a manner inconsistent with our order and principles.

In the Select Meeting on Fourth-day, Fourth Month 19th, a Friend very feelingly opened the burden under which he had rested for the past year, and which had led him to think of going from house to house throughout the Yearly Meeting to plead with and encourage the young, and stimulate them to seek a closer acquaintance with their Saviour. Many of the brethren and sisters followed in a similar strain. The concern seemed to become general over the meeting, accompanied with much tenderness of feeling. It was finally concluded that the Clerk (Samuel Morris) should lay it before the general Yearly Meeting, with a view to its appointing a committee to pay a visit to the meetings and members so far as the way should open therefore.

This was done, and a nominating committee was then appointed, which brought forward the names of thirty-one Friends, of whom John S. Stokes was one. A similar committee was appointed by the women.

The meeting of the joint committees was a solemn occasion, in which both caution and encouragement were expressed. One dear Friend revived the language of the prophet, "Bring me vessels, *empty* vessels," teaching the lesson that they must be emptied of self-sufficiency and filled with the Lord's power to enable them to promote his cause. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," was another lesson impressed. Sub-committees were appointed to visit in each of the several quarters that constitute the Yearly Meeting, in most cases by the voluntary offering of their names, as individuals felt their minds drawn.

These sub-committees were twice changed during the year, and performed a large amount of acceptable labor, visiting all of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and those for worship, some of them several times. Many of the families also were visited. In the report made to the Yearly Meeting in 1883, when the Committee was released, it says: "We have been animated from time to time with renewed evidences of Divine regard; the overshadowings of

Heavenly goodness have been felt in many of the assemblies, tendering the hearts of both visitor and visited, to our mutual comfort and strength.

John S. Stokes frequently refers to these visits in his memoranda, and our late friend, Joseph Scattergood, of West Chester, remarks respecting them, "These visits of the Yearly Meeting's Committee are very encouraging and helpful to us, giving rise to the belief that our Heavenly Father is now, in his tender mercy, visiting his family and watering his flock; and I do desire for myself and friends that we may be animated and strengthened to pursue with renewed earnestness and diligence the work of our day.

Among the meetings held, one was in the Arch Street Meeting-house, in Philadelphia, on the evening of Third Month, 5th, 1883, for the members and attendants of the three city meetings. A young Friend who was present, writes respecting it, "One of the ministers in attendance (Samuel Morris), spoke upon the rise of the Society, and how our early Friends were led out of the world and its spirit, and why we differed from other branches of the Christian Church as a separate and distinct body, explaining clearly some of our distinguishing doctrines and testimonies, but dwelling particularly upon the importance of maintaining them and upholding our standard in all its original purity. That there is as great a need to do so now as when they were first adopted by our early Friends, two hundred years ago. Taken as a whole, these doctrines and testimonies had a soundness and completeness—a unity, and they are founded upon our Saviour's own words. We were highly respected and looked upon with favor by the world, and had been eminently prosperous, but he felt there was a danger and great need of care lest our very prosperity might prove a snare to us."

Another Friend followed with, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood." He believed there was a renewed call extended, and that there were those present, particularly among the younger men and boys, who, if they were only faithful, would be raised up, qualified, and compelled to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

Deborah Rhoads appeared in supplication on behalf of those present. It was fervent and touching.

The writer adds her own comments : "It is difficult to tell just what impression was made on the minds of some of us young people, or what may result therefrom. Many, however, said that they felt it to be a remarkable meeting, and they were very glad that it was so largely attended.

I feel sure that many, yes very many, of the young people felt it a privilege to be able to attend, some at least, coming away strengthened in their earnest desires after a better life."

Sixth-day, Fifth Month 19th.—In company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, Richard Esterbrook, Phebe W. Roberts and others, I attended Western Quarterly Meeting, which was large, and the meeting for worship was a time of some favor. The exercises of Phebe W. Roberts, Richard Esterbrook and myself were very harmonious, and I trust satisfactory to most, if not all who were present, and I felt peaceful. The meeting for business seemed to me to be heavy and dull, because, it may be, of one depending too much upon another, and of a want of that religious exercise and travail of spirit which we need in order to perform the duties which rest upon us, either in meetings for worship or discipline. I left the meeting with a feeling of sorrow and sadness, desiring that I might continue to wrestle for the blessing, and so live that I might be a good example to surrounding beholders ; to do this we must watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. O Lord, preserve me from time to time!

Fifth Month 22nd.—Our Monthly Meeting was held this day. Several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present, whose company and services were very acceptable. A desire was expressed that we might profit by the Gospel labor bestowed upon us this day, for it seemed evi-

dent that the Lord, in the riches of his love and mercy, had condescended to be in our midst.

Sixth Month 6th.—In company with the same Friends of the Yearly Meeting's Committee as attended Western Quarterly Meeting, I attended Kennett Monthly Meeting, which is very small and weak. Phebe W. Roberts, Richard Esterbrook and myself were engaged in testimony, endeavoring to encourage the members there to individual faithfulness.

Sixth Month 7th.—We were at New Garden Monthly Meeting, which is large, quite a number of young and middle-aged Friends. Here I think it may be said, the Gospel had free course. Every partition wall seemed laid low, and the shout of a King was heard in the camp. It was a favored season, and we did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy.

Sixth Month 8th.—We attended London Grove Monthly Meeting, which is small. The Committee labored in the love of the Gospel, to the tendering of many hearts. The covering which was spread over us was very solemn and touching to our feelings. Went to Borton Hayes' to dine in company with Richard Esterbrook and Robert L. Walter, who was kindly taking us from place to place. After dinner we had a sitting with the parents and children to our own satisfaction, and perhaps to their comfort. Soon after we returned to our friends, Margaret Maule and daughters, who were all truly kind to us.

Sixth-day Morning, Sixth Month 9th.—Phebe W. Roberts, Elizabeth Rhoads and myself, with R. L. Walter, left Margaret Maule's for London Britain, stopping at James Maloney's to dine, where we had a sitting with him, his dear wife and the children, which afforded us all a little comfort I think. They were encouraged to the faithful



discharge of all their religious duties, that they might become prepared for usefulness in the Church of Christ. We left their habitation with peaceful minds. Then we went on to Lewis Passmore's to tea, had a sitting with the family, then to Joel Thompson's to lodge, and sat with him and family, then to Mary Jane Chambers'; sat with her and her sister; then to Samuel Cooper's; sat with him and family, with his aged mother, Asenath Cooper; then to Abel Hopkins'; then to Joseph Humes', and several other families on Seventh and First-days. All of these sittings were comfortable seasons. Friends were encouraged to yield obedience to the will of Him who has a right to rule and reign in our hearts, being good examples in the attendance of all our religious meetings, as well as other duties, so that others, seeing our good works, might become prepared to glorify our Father which is in heaven.

First-day, Sixth Month 11th.—We attended their meeting at London Britain, which was large and proved to be a time of great favor. Much tenderness was manifested by quite a number. Phebe W. Roberts and myself were pretty largely engaged in proclaiming the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Dined at Owen Evans', and after a sitting with his family, who were at home, to good satisfaction, under tender feelings, with a belief that our heavenly Father had, in much condescension, been strength to us in our weakness, we left for the neighborhood of West Grove, and lodged at Clarkson Moore's, who, with his dear wife, made us very comfortable.

Second-day Morning, Sixth Month 12th.—After breakfast we had an opportunity with them, I trust to our mutual satisfaction and comfort. Soon after, with feelings of humble thankfulness, we left for our homes, sensible of our shortcomings, but trusting we had done what we could.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 17th.—I went out to Henry Marshall's to lodge, had a pleasant visit with his dear wife and their father, William Marshall. Robert L. Walter called for me on First-day morning and took me to New Garden Meeting, which was a time of some favor. The importance of being faithful, even in what might be called little things, made a deep impression upon my mind in this meeting, and after a time I felt constrained to call the attention of Friends to this subject, which was pressed upon them, I trust, in the love of the Gospel, the meeting settling down under much apparent feeling and solemnity. Debbie Cope had, I thought, good service. George J. Scattergood and Elizabeth Meredith, members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, were present. I left the meeting with much peace of mind, feeling that we had been helped by Him who is the only helper of his people. Dined at James Cooper's, then went on to West Grove, where a meeting was appointed at three o'clock, which was pretty well attended by Friends and some others. Richard Esterbrook, who had been at the morning meeting, was largely engaged in testimony, setting forth the doctrines and testimonies of the religious Society of Friends in a very clear and forcible manner, and I trust, to the comfort and satisfaction of many present. While I travailed in the exercise of my dear friend, and had full unity therewith, my mind was turned toward some who, it seemed to me, were faint and weary, almost ready to conclude, no man careth for my soul, and even God hath forgotten to be gracious. The word of encouragement went forth freely and seemed to settle upon the minds of some, as dew upon the tender plants. Then all were exhorted to faithfulness in the discharge of our religious duties; and the importance of silently waiting upon the Lord, in order that we might witness a renewal of our

spiritual strength, was pressed upon all present with a feeling of Gospel love. I felt thankful to our Father in heaven for all his sure mercies.

Seventh Month 7th.—Attended the funeral of Ellis Branson, which was large. It was felt to be a very solemn occasion. In the rooms where the family and some of the relatives were sitting, the silence and feelings were such that it might be felt, as it were, with the outward hand. The near relatives and friends were encouraged to draw very near to our heavenly Father, who was able and willing to uphold and sustain all of his humble, dependent, dedicated, trusting children in the hour of trial, affliction and even sore bereavement, etc. To me the occasion was very impressive. Ellis Branson was sick about four weeks and delirious most of the time. How important to know of our day's work keeping pace with the day. May we all be more watchful and careful.

First-day, Seventh Month 16th.—Attended our own meeting, which was small for First-day morning. Very many Friends are out of the city, and I fear this practice of leaving our meetings during the summer months is increasing on the part of some who fill important stations in Society; and it does seem to me that care should be taken in order that elders and overseers might not all be absent at the same time, for our meetings cannot be properly kept up if we do not attend them. I believe a change of air, and to be released from much care, is beneficial to health and strength; but I also believe we have religious duties to perform, which we should not neglect without good and sufficient reasons for so doing. The meeting this morning was a very satisfactory one to me. The importance of our laboring after true and living faith was in a feeling manner brought to view—even that faith which works by love

and purifies the heart, etc.; greatly to the peace of my own mind. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Second-day, Eighth Month 7th.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held this day, and was small, many seats vacant in the galleries and other places. A great change has taken place within a few years in relation to numbers, and I expect we might say, weight also! And the time draweth near when some of us that are left a little longer will be called hence to be seen here of men no more; may we be prepared for the great and solemn change! There were several Friends who appeared in vocal exercise, mostly, I trust, to good satisfaction. And a good exercise prevailed in the meeting for business. There was no minister from other Quarterly Meetings.

Eighth Month 13th.—Attended the meeting at Atlantic City; a number of Friends were present, but more of those not members. Esther Roberts broke the silence in supplication; soon after Phebe A. Elkinton spoke briefly. Then I called the attention of those present to the object for which we had assembled, bringing to view the testimony of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well: "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth," etc. I was upon my feet for some time. The meeting was very solemn.

Fourth-day, Eighth Month 16th.—Attended the funeral of Hannah Hicks, widow of our late friend, William Hicks, though not a member of our Society. She was of a meek and quiet spirit. The funeral was conducted in accordance with the views of our religious Society, and it was thought to be an impressive opportunity. What was said seemed

to find a place in the hearts of the relatives and friends. I was glad I gave up to this little requisition of duty, as it seemed to me it was.

Fifth-day, Ninth Month 21st.—Attended the funeral of Sallie D., wife of Charles Taylor, in the thirty-fourth year of her age. A large company of young people were collected on this solemn occasion, who were affectionately exhorted to prepare for such an hour, for we have the evidence before us that the young, as well as the old, are called hence to be seen here of men no more. And the working out of the soul's salvation is an individual work, for no man can redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him, etc., to the relief of my own mind, and I trust I was thankful for the favor. Some other communications, all of which were harmonious.

Third-day, Tenth Month 3rd.—In company with several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, I attended Kennett Monthly Meeting, held at Parkerville. The meeting is small and weak, and I trust we did what we could, but it was a low time. I hope they may be stirred up to double their diligence in the faithful discharge of all their religious duties. Phebe W. Roberts, with others, propose making family visits to the members of the meeting.

Fourth-day, Tenth Month 4th.—Attended New Garden Monthly Meeting to pretty good satisfaction, feeling our spiritual strength a little renewed. But many Friends appear to be in a lukewarm state, which is cause for exercise and mourning.

Fifth-day, Tenth Month 5th.—Attended Monthly Meeting at London Grove; here truth arose into some dominion, to the praise, glory and honor of our Father in Heaven. The Gospel flowed freely, to the tendering of many hearts, and we could say it was good to be there. I desire the vis-

ited and the visitors may be profited by these visits. I returned home with the reward of peace. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven.

First-day, Tenth Month 15th.—Attended the meeting in company with William U. Ditzler, a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, at Rancocas, New Jersey. The meeting was larger than usual, and a time of favor, the Gospel message flowing freely, and well adapted to the state of the meeting. But it is sad to see and feel the change which has taken place in that meeting in the last several years. As time passes on, it seems to get smaller and smaller. We called on several families, and had religious opportunities in most of them, to good satisfaction to ourselves, and those we visited seemed glad we called on them. Friends, and those who separated from us in 1827–8, met under the same roof, with a single partition between the two meeting-rooms, and hence the meeting is often disturbed by persons speaking on the opposite side of the partition. I have not known meetings to grow in strength or numbers under such circumstances; and we desired Friends to take the subject into serious and solid consideration in order to see if way would not open for their relief:

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 21st.—William U. Ditzler and myself went up to Mansfield, N. J., and attended the meeting on First-day, the twenty-second, which was much larger than usual, a number coming in who were not members. For a time it seemed like being a silent meeting. I have been let down into some very low places, but I said to myself, surely I never felt so entirely void of any good, and so stripped and poverty-stricken as on this, to me, solemn occasion. William, after a time of deep exercise, appeared in a lively supplication, which seemed to bring some life over the meeting. And way was soon opened for me to

stand upon my feet with a pretty close, searching testimony. The burden-bearers were encouraged to hold on their way. The young and the middle-aged were earnestly exhorted to more faithfulness, more dedication of heart in the performance of all their religious duties, that they might be prepared by the hand of the Lord to take the places of those who had been, and those who must ere long, be removed from works to rewards, etc. Endeavors were used to stir up the lukewarm and unconcerned to a sense of the responsibility which is resting upon them, etc. William soon followed in a good, harmonious testimony. I trust all was to the satisfaction and comfort of our friends; and we left the meeting with a feeling of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for his continued goodness and mercy unto us, for truly without Him we can do no good thing. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name! In the afternoon and evening we called on several families of Friends, and had some religious service among them. I also made a brief visit to my dear cousin, Rachel Decou, formerly Borton, who had been very ill at times for two or three months, and is still very low and weak. My feelings were brought into near and tender sympathy with her and her dear husband, Charles Decou. I offered what seemed to arise in my heart at the time, for their comfort and encouragement, desiring them to draw near to our Father in Heaven day by day, and put their whole trust and confidence in Him, for it is such as these He will never leave nor forsake, etc. In taking my leave of them, my feelings were drawn toward them in true Gospel love, committing them to Him who slumbereth not by day or night.

Third-day, Tenth Month 24th.—A number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee attended our Monthly Meeting to our comfort. I hope their labors may not be lost. Some of us

could say it was good to be there, amidst all the commotions in this city to-day, because of the parades and other things, being the bi-centennial of the landing of William Penn in this place. Thousands of people came to the city to witness what some of us thought to be a waste of time and money.

Tenth Month 29th.—In the evening a number of Friends and others met at a Friend's house in Camden, N. J., in order to sit with the mother and other relatives of Christopher Alexander, whose remains were to be taken to New York for interment the next morning. He was a grandson of Christopher Healy. The opportunity was a solemn one, and Mark Balderston, Deborah Brooks, Richard Esterbrook and myself were engaged in testimony, endeavoring to incite all, but especially the young, to greater diligence in the working out the soul's salvation, it being an individual work, and we were left without excuse, for the grace which bringeth salvation had appeared unto all men, etc. Some of us thought it good for us to be there. And my heart was filled with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy to me this day. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

Eleventh Month 12th.—At West Philadelphia I was much interested in a little girl about four years old, who wished to speak to me, and her mother told me she often repeated at home what she heard me say in meeting. To me it was very touching.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 18th. — I went down to Tuckerton, N. J.; met with a kind reception at Archelaus R. Pharo's—he, his dear wife and children, made me very comfortable indeed. I made several calls in the afternoon upon the sick, aged, infirm and others, much to my own



satisfaction and comfort, and I believe the visited were truly thankful, and freely expressed themselves so.

First-day, the 19th.—Attended their meeting, which is very small generally, but the members being mostly there, and others coming in, it was larger than usual—perhaps about thirty. After we were gathered together a covering spread over us, which I think we could not command. Solemn silence prevailed for some time, when it seemed best for me to stand upon my feet, and I endeavored to comfort the mourners in our Zion, to strengthen the hands that were hanging down, and to stir up the lukewarm and unconcerned.

Before retiring, we had a favored opportunity in the family of Archelaus R. Pharo, which seemed more strongly to bind us together, as with a three-fold cord of our Heavenly Father's love.

Second-day morning we parted from each other with much tenderness and love. Archelaus R. Pharo is quite poorly, and his dear wife Louisa cannot walk without help. I feel deeply for them, and I believe we were brought near together in spirit. Their dear children are very attentive and truly kind.

First-day, twenty-sixth of Eleventh Month.—Attended meeting at London Britain. The Gospel flowed freely, to the tendering of some hearts, and I trust to the comfort and edification of others. I felt constrained to acknowledge the mercy, goodness, love and power of our Heavenly Father, and desired that He would be pleased to be with those who meet in that place for the purpose of Divine worship, that they might experience a renewal of their spiritual strength, etc. Made some calls, among which was one to an aged woman Friend, who was blind, and could not walk without

help. This was a precious season, and I was truly thankful for the opportunity. Returned home Second-day morning.

Twelfth Month 2nd.—I went down to Barnegat, N. J., James Collins kindly met me at the depot and took me to his home, where I was nicely cared for by him, his wife and daughter. Made severals calls on Friends in the afternoon, and had some religious service among them, which was I think, well received.

First-day, Twelfth Month 3rd.—Attended their meeting, which was larger than usual, a number coming in who were not members. I felt poor and stripped for some time, but way opened to treat largely upon the importance of love and unity, and the good effects thereof. Friends and others were also encouraged to give heed to the witness for the Truth secretly revealed in their own hearts, etc. It was a free, open time, and much tenderness was apparent. I felt constrained to commemorate the goodness, love, mercy and almighty power of our Father in Heaven.

Twelfth Month 9th. — Richard Esterbrook and myself went out to Abram Gibbons', where we were truly kindly cared for by him, his dear wife and family.

First day, 10th.—Went to their little meeting at Fallowfield, which proved to be a solid, good meeting. We were both engaged in testimony, and I believe to the comfort and edification of those present, and the peace of our own minds. After meeting we called on an aged woman Friend, who was unable to walk. She seemed glad to see us, and we were glad to see her. We had a very nice religious opportunity, by which she appeared to be encouraged and strengthened, and seemed truly thankful that we called upon her. And we felt well satisfied with having given up to this little duty. Then returned to Abram Gibbons' to dine; and then to Dr. Charles Huston's to tea, where we had a religious

opportunity, I thought to our mutual comfort and satisfaction, then returned to Abram Gibbons', where we soon were brought into a solemn silence, which was precious, and I felt constrained to allude to it, and expressing a desire that we might all know of our day's work keeping pace with the day, ever remembering the night cometh, wherein no man can work, etc., to the tendering of our spirits.

Twelfth Month 11th, Second-day morning.—Richard spoke very feelingly to the father and mother, the children not being present as they were the evening before. We left these dear Friends under a fresh sense of our Heavenly Father's love and mercy to them and ourselves. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

Third-day, Twelfth Month 10th.—Elizabeth C. Dunn was at our meeting, and spoke in a very remarkable manner upon the subject of whispering, speaking evil of others, etc. It was truly acceptable to some of us, who knew full well that there was cause for such an exercise. Phebe A. Elkin-ton then spoke upon the same subject, and desired we might all take our full share of the exercise. I then stood up with these words, "The Lord always has been and always will be the helper of his people, as they keep humble and low before Him, He will preserve them from the whisperers, etc. I desired that we might dig deep and lie low in order that we might be enabled to see in the Light of Truth whether we are following our own willings, runnings, surmises, and evil imaginations, etc., or the leadings and teachings of the Holy Spirit, for the Lord's power is over every other power, etc. It was truly a solemn meeting, and I hoped we should all be the better for it.

First Month 3rd, 1883.—I went over to Cropwell in order to attend the funeral of our cousin, Clayton Lippincott, which was large. The way of life and salvation, by and

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed to a mixed company, who were very quiet and attentive. I was upon my feet for some time, and the Gospel flowed freely, to the relief and peace of my own mind, and I was told to the comfort of others. All praise belongs to our Heavenly Father. I was thankful He condescended to be with us. No other Friend present in the station of a minister, which seemed to me quite remarkable.

Fourth-day, First Month 17th.—I went down to Woodbury, N. J., to attend the funeral of our cousin, Sarah Cole, formerly Shinn, a niece of my mother. A number of cousins, whom we do not often see, on our mother's side, were present, none of them members of our Society. A Presbyterian minister read some from the Scriptures, spoke from what he had written, and offered what he called prayer. I thought I never was more sensible of the dryness, emptiness and nothingness in what was said than on that occasion. After a time I stood up and said, "Whatever our profession or name to religion may be, or whatever our religious experience may be or may have been, I trust if we rightly consider the subject, we shall all unite in this, that it is a very solemn thing to be called upon to bid a final farewell to all that is near and dear to us in this life, and enter upon an untried, never-ending eternity. The working out of the soul's salvation is an individual work, for no man can redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for his soul; and there was no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow." It was a solemn opportunity, and close attention was given to what was said.

First Month 22nd.—I was taken very ill, suffered much, and was confined to the bed and house for about three weeks. Then attended meeting once, and was about for a few days,

and then taken down again, worse than before. For days it seemed uncertain which way it would terminate; but after about eight weeks it pleased my Heavenly Father to raise me up, and it was marvellous in my eyes. My spirit was often bowed down under a deep sense of the Lord's tender mercies and goodness to me during this long sickness. And the kindness of my dear friends was far beyond anything I could have anticipated. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for his mercies do endure for ever!

I so far recovered as to be enabled to attend the Select Yearly Meeting, held Fourth Month, 1883, and all the sittings of the general Yearly Meeting, which I felt to be a great privilege, for truly it was a favored meeting, from sitting to sitting, even to the tendering of many hearts. Much important business was transacted with brotherly love and harmony.

## CHAPTER XII.

ATTENDS RAHWAY AND PLAINFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF SARAH R. MATLACK, THE MEETING AT FALLOWFIELD, PA., THE MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—VISITS IN NEW YORK STATE—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF SAMUEL R. WILKINS—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, HIS OWN MEETING, THE MEETING AT BEACH HAVEN, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF ANN M. TROTH, OHIO YEARLY MEETING AND SOME MEETINGS SUBORDINATE THERETO, HIS OWN MONTHLY MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES L. WILLITS, OF WILLIAM GRINDER, OF SARAH N. WOOLMAN, OF RACHEL ROBERTS, THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF SAMUEL ALLINSON, THE MEETING AT CROSSWICKS, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF REBECCA A. BELL, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING, CALN QUARTERLY MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT MEDFORD ON THE OCCASION OF A MARRIAGE—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1884, THE MEETING AT MOORESTOWN, N. J., ON THE OCCASION OF A MARRIAGE; THE MEETING AT SALEM, N. J., BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES AT HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS—NOTICE OF THE CONCERN OF THAT BODY IN REFERENCE TO MAINTAINING OUR TESTIMONY AGAINST HAT HONOR—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF ALLEN R. PHARO, THE MEETING

AT CROPWELL, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF SAMUEL BELL, WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING—REMARKS ON THE CONDITION OF OUR RELIGIOUS SOCIETY—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JANE MOON—VISITS FRIENDS AT EASTON, N. J.—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF THOMAS D. MARSDEN—VISITS AT RANCOCAS, N. J.—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT TUCKERTON, N. J., THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ESTHER ROGERS, BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF RACHEL B. ROBERTS.

Fifth Month 11th, 1883.—Spent two days at Rahway, at my cousin, Isaac C. Stokes', very pleasantly. Then attended Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting, held at Plainfield, composed of two men Friends beside myself; but there are more women Friends, some of whom feel an interest in the spiritual welfare of themselves and our religious Society. We felt that our little company was owned by the Head of the Church, and in some measure, at least, experienced the fulfilment of the precious promise of our Holy Redeemer, when he said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Second-day, Fifth Month 28th.—Attended the funeral of our friend, Sarah R. Matlack, a member of our meeting. Deborah Brooks, Elizabeth Allen and myself took part in the vocal exercises, which I trust were in good measure adapted to the solemnity of the occasion. Sarah was taken ill in our meeting some ten days before her death, and was not sensible afterward. Another warning among the many: "Be ye also ready, for ye know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Sixth Month 16th, Seventh-day morning.—My wife and self went up to Coatesville to our friend, Abram Gibbons',

where we were most kindly entertained by him and his very pleasant family. Richard Esterbrook and wife were also there.

First-day morning, Sixth Month 17th.—We attended their meeting at Fallowfield, under a feeling of great poverty of spirit, having no might or strength of our own. I did earnestly crave that our Heavenly Father would, in his tender love and mercy, condescend to our low estate, for truly we were brought to feel that without Him we could do nothing. The meeting settled down in a solid manner, and after a time our earnest desires were granted, for our Heavenly Father was pleased to be in our midst, and enabled us to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the edification, comfort and encouragement of those present, and some who were not members were very attentive and seemed much interested. Thanksgiving and praise were offered up to God, from whom all of our sure mercies and blessings come. And it was thought the meeting ended well; and our hearts were tendered under a deep sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy unto us this day.

First-day, Seventh Month 1st.—Attended the meeting at Atlantic City, N. J. Some Friends and persons of several religious denominations were present, whose deportment was commendable. Richard Esterbrook spoke, and explained at some length the importance and nature of Divine and spiritual worship, etc. After a time of silence, I arose with this text: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." As this testimony was unexpectedly sounded in my mental ear, I had been led a little to dwell upon the goodness, mercy, loving kindness and almighty power of God in providing a way for the redemption and salvation of the soul of man, and that by sending



his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever might believe on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. And we might remember, that while He was in that prepared body, He went up and down, doing good to the souls and bodies of men. Following Him at some length in his outward appearance, bringing to view his crucifixion, ascension and second appearance, without sin, unto salvation. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name, for He still, even in this day and hour, condescends to come into our hearts and teach us there as never man did nor ever can teach. Dwelling at some length upon the importance of giving heed to this Divine and holy teaching in the secret of our souls, believing there were some there who were not strangers to it. They were exhorted to yield themselves up to the Divine and holy will, that they might be favored with a portion of that peace which the world, with all its riches, maxims, fashions or pleasures, cannot give, neither can it take away, etc. Richard Esterbrook appeared in supplication, offering up to our Father in heaven the tribute of thanksgiving and praise for the extension of his love and mercy unto us this day. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul!

Seventh-day, Seventh Month, 7th.—I left home about half-past eight o'clock, and arrived at Taughannock Falls, near Cayuga Lake, New York, about seven o'clock in the evening, after a pleasant and interesting ride over mountains, hills, rivers and streams, which was invigorating to my weak and prostrated condition.

First-day, Seventh Month 8th.—Did not get to any meeting, so retired to my room and sat in silence over an hour, and then read for some time. The house is kept by John J. Lytle and wife, they being members of Society. The people there were very quiet, and First-day was spent, as I

thought, in a commendable manner, or as much so as we could expect for a public place.

Second-day, Seventh Month 9th.—Crossed the lake to Aurora, dined with Alfred King and wife very pleasantly, and had some conversation upon the state of our religious Society, I hope to some profit. William Hazard, calling for me, took me to his home, where I was kindly cared for by him and his family.

Third-day the 10th, Fourth-day the 11th, and Fifth-day the 12th, were spent in calling upon friends, and some of these visits were very precious seasons. Persis Hallock seems like a meek-spirited woman in the station of a minister, among those who are known as belonging to the Otis party at Poplar Ridge. A visit to Mary Otis and family of daughters was to me very pleasant and satisfactory. Nicholas Tripp and wife, Gilbert Weaver and family and a number of others were called upon in the love of the Gospel, and while there is a strong feeling on the part of some against Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, there are many who see differently and appear to be religiously exercised and concerned to uphold and promulgate the doctrines and testimonies of the religious Society of Friends. Lodged at Gilbert Weaver's Fifth-day night, and Sixth-day morning the 13th, Gilbert Weaver and wife, with Emily Rockwell and myself, started for Rome, where Emily Rockwell's father met us and took us to his house, about four miles distant, where we were kindly received, and in the evening went to David Peckham's, whom I had long wanted to see; and he and his family were very kind.

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 14th.—Was spent in calling on friends to our satisfaction.

First-day, Seventh Month 15th.—Went to meeting, which is of pretty good size for that place. This meeting belongs

to the large body of New York Yearly Meeting. Soon, I might say very soon, after meeting gathered, a man spoke briefly. He made no appearance of a Friend, and there were nine spoke before the meeting closed. My way was opened in the meeting, so that I largely proclaimed the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Those present were very attentive, some of whom were not members. An aged Friend arose after I took my seat and said to this import, that he had felt it to be a privilege to hear the Gospel preached. He was very thankful for it, etc. Dined with Robert Townsend and wife, aged Friends, who seemed to be alive in the Truth. I felt the love of the Gospel to flow toward them. Returned to David Peckham's in the evening, when Gilbert Weaver requested a time of silence, which proved to be a time of Divine favor. I was drawn toward some of the dear Friends hereaway in the love of the Gospel. They have close trials, because of the effort that is making to lay waste our doctrines and Christian testimonies.

Second-day morning, Seventh Month 16th.—Gilbert Weaver and wife, with myself, took an affectionate leave of the dear Friends, and left for Smyrna, and arrived at Robert Knowles' about eleven o'clock. We met with a warm reception from him and his dear wife, Lydia. We had a very pleasant visit with them and made some other calls, which I am sorry to say were not all to my edification or comfort. Such a disposition for controversy and fault-finding, which is so unpleasant and trying to me.

Fourth-day Morning, Seventh Month 18th.—After a religious opportunity, which was to our comfort, I parted with Gilbert Weaver and Ruth, his wife, Robert Knowles, wife and daughter, with near affection, tender sympathy and love, and left for my home, where I arrived about half-past

ten o'clock, finding all pretty well, for which and all favors, I trust I was thankful to my Heavenly Father. Whatever may be the conclusions of some I visited, I feel calm and peaceful and trust I was benefitted mentally and physically, and earnestly desire many of these dear Friends may be willing to become more truly humble and dwell more fully under the influence of the Spirit of our holy Redeemer, that so we may be bound together as with a three-fold cord of our Heavenly Father's love. My spirit was often clothed with sadness, because there is such a diversity of views held, and by those calling themselves Friends and making a high profession of spirituality.

First-day, Seventh Month 22nd.—Attended meeting in West Philadelphia, and our own in the afternoon. In both I had something to say to the peace of my own mind. Having been silent in our own meeting, when there, for more than two months.

Second-day, Seventh Month 23d, was our Select Preparative Meeting, in which I was enabled to relieve my mind of the exercises which rested upon it, much to my own comfort, and from what appeared, I trust to the satisfaction of those present. In the afternoon went up to Easton, New Jersey, to attend the funeral of our esteemed friend, Samuel R. Wilkins, an elder belonging to Evesham Monthly Meeting. We met in the meeting-house, which was full of people. Joseph Scattergood, Charles Rhoads and myself were harmoniously engaged to press upon the minds of those present the importance of knowing our day's work to be going on in the daytime, and the young were exhorted to faithfulness and obedience to the will of our Heavenly Father, that they might be prepared by the hand of the Lord to take the places of those who had been, and of those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, that

there may be a succession of burthen bearers raised up among them, even those who are not ashamed to confess our Holy Redeemer before men. Very sad is the reflection that this bereavement leaves the Monthly Meeting without a man elder or overseer. May it please our Heavenly Father to undertake for them, and raise up from among them, those who will be able and willing to stand as valiants for the Truth.

First-day morning, Seventh Month 29th.—Attended our own meeting. After a long silence, I was raised upon my feet with a testimony to the goodness and power of our Heavenly Father, and that He is still pleased to manifest his will unto us by his Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts. It was a relieving season to me, and from what appeared, it was felt to be a time of favor. Praise the Lord, O my soul! I had not spoken in our First-day morning meeting for more than three months, but had been absent most of the time. But my cup was filled to overflowing this day. I desire to be humble before the Lord.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 4th.—Our Select Quarterly Meeting was held this day to very good satisfaction.

Second-day, Sixth Month 8th, was our general Quarterly Meeting. There were several communications, and I threw in my mite, and Elizabeth R. Evans appeared in fervent supplication. It was thought to be a good, satisfactory meeting. But it is a low time among us as a people. We need more fervency of spirit, more dedication of heart to the will of our Father in heaven.

First-day morning, Eighth Month 19th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was silent on my part. Hannah Arnot appeared in supplication, and a young Friend spoke briefly. The meeting was thought to be pretty satisfactory. I felt satisfied in keeping silent. At our own

meeting in the afternoon, which was the smallest one I ever attended at our meeting-house, seven men and, perhaps, eleven women. I made some remarks, and felt that we were comparable to the few berries on the outermost branches, yet I believe the Lord, in his love and mercy, was round about us, even in our midst, etc. But it did seem to me that many of our members are becoming less and less concerned in relation to the importance of attending our religious meetings. Some feel that the afternoon meetings should be suspended for the warm weather. Others of us feel that they should be kept up and attended by those who are concerned for the welfare of the church. But it is a day of much weakness, as well as lukewariness. May we be awakened to a sense of the responsibility which is resting upon us as a people.

Eighth Month 25th.—Went down to Beach Haven, to my friend, Archelaus R. Pharo's, who, with his family, were very kind to me. Attended meeting there on First-day, the 26th, from forty to forty-five Friends and others present. We sat some time under a solemn covering, and some of us, I trust, were brought under much feeling and religious exercise. After a time I endeavored to bring to our view the importance of our giving heed to the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of our own hearts, even that teaching which "teacheth us to profit and leadeth us in the path the Lord would have us go." I was upon my feet for some time, pressing the matter pretty close, for it seemed to me there were those present who were strangers to this inward teaching and had turned aside therefrom. And it may be that some had taken a few straight steps, though they might have been trembling steps, Zionward, but from the fear of the cross, or the fear of man, they had not been obedient to the heavenly visitations secretly revealed in

their own hearts. But such was the goodness, the mercy, the love and almighty power of our Heavenly Father that He willeth not the death of any, but would that all should return, repent and live, etc. There was a solemn feeling over the meeting. My cousin, Isaac C. Stokes, appeared in supplication near the close of the meeting, and I thought, to good satisfaction. All praise belongs to our Father in heaven.

Ninth Month 7th.—Was at the funeral of Ann M. Troth, wife of Dr. Samuel N. Troth, which was very quiet and, I think, satisfactory. Edward Sharpless and myself were engaged in short testimonies, I trust, to the comfort of some, and I hope others might be stirred up, if needs be, even to the doubling of their diligence, in order to make their calling and election sure, before they too were called hence, to be seen here of men no more.

I left home Ninth Month 28th, with a Minute from our Monthly Meeting, liberating me to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, and some of the meetings subordinate thereto, my wife, Mark Balderston and wife, being in the company, Mark having a Minute to accompany me in my proposed visit. My wife and self were kindly cared for by our kind friends, Francis Davis and his dear wife, near Stillwater, Ohio. On Seventh-day, Ninth Month 29th, I attended the meeting of Ministers and Elders, in which I had some service. Very little, if anything was said by others in the way of ministry. It seemed to me rather a low time. In the afternoon the meeting for sufferings was held which I attended; very little business came before the meeting. First-day, Ninth Month 30th, a very large company gathered at the meeting house at Stillwater. Benjamin P. Brown, from North Carolina, after a very brief silence, arose and spoke for

some time. Soon after I spoke of the importance of silent and Divine worship. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit and in Truth," dwelling at some length upon this important subject, and then brought largely to view the teaching of the Holy Spirit, which teaches as never man did nor ever can teach. I endeavored to press the importance of these subjects closely upon the minds of all present, but especially upon the dear young people. The meeting was very quiet and much attention given to what was said.

Tenth Month 1st.—Second-day morning at ten o'clock the Yearly Meeting met, in which our Minutes were read and minuted, our company being acceptable to the meeting.

Second.—The state of the Society was brought to view by the reading of the Queries and answers from the different Quarterly Meetings, some of the answers representing a low state of things. Much good and salutary counsel and advice were given, and it was thought to be a good meeting. Fourth-day morning, at ten o'clock, a meeting for Divine worship was held, which was very large, and the Gospel preached by some, to the comfort and strength of many who were present. A comfortable sitting in the afternoon, with some exception.

Fifth-day morning.—Friends met at ten o'clock. This sitting brought some of us under deep exercise and serious thoughtfulness, as in all probability it would be the last time we should all meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and it was vocally alluded to and great solemnity was spread over the meeting. After the business was gone through the meeting closed under much tenderness of feeling and love for each other. We were made renewedly sensible that the Lord's tender mercies do endure forever, and that all glory, honor, salvation and high renown belong



unto God and his beloved Son, both now and forever. Amen.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 5th.—In company with Asa Garretson, Mark Balderston and wife, I left Barnesville, Ohio, for Pennsville, Ohio, and attended meeting there on First-day, the seventh of Tenth Month. The meeting was large and solid, the Gospel flowing freely but plainly on the subject of the importance of a practical belief in the spirituality of the religion of Christ, much to the relief and peace of my own mind. In the afternoon rode over to Chesterfield, eight miles, to attend the meeting at three o'clock. A time of favor; meeting large and quiet.

Second-day, Tenth Month 8th.—Attended meeting at Plymouth to good satisfaction. In the afternoon at three o'clock at Southland. The meeting large and solemn, the Gospel flowing freely to the tendering of many hearts; it was thought to be a time of great favor. This was the last meeting in Washington and Morgan counties, and we did feel that our Heavenly Father had helped us, according to his tender love and mercy; blessed forever be his great and holy Name! Then returned to Barnesville, on our way to Flushing, and had a meeting there on the eleventh of Tenth Month, much to my comfort. After meeting, Mark Balderston and wife were so unwell they were not able to travel. They were at the house of our truly kind friends, Jacob Holloway and family, who did all they could to make them comfortable. Francis Davis, who had brought us thus far from Barnesville, and Jacob Holloway taking Mark Balderston's place, we started for Harrisville, where we arrived after dark, and were kindly cared for by William Hall, Jr., and his interesting family.

Tenth Month 12th.—Meeting appointed at ten o'clock, which was large, and an open, relieving opportunity.

Meeting at Concord at three o'clock in the afternoon, which was large and solemn. Attention was called to the great and high profession we were making to surrounding beholders, and to whether we were living up to it and consistent therewith, etc., to the peace of my own mind.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 13th.—I parted with my dear friends, Francis Davis and Jacob Holloway, who had been truly kind to me. Jacob Maule and his dear wife Rachel, kindly took me to Martin's Ferry, where I called on Julia Hoyle and family. Jacob and Rachel leaving me, I felt like a sparrow upon the house-top. I took the cars, and after some delay arrived at Salem, Ohio, about eight o'clock in the evening. Went to William Fisher's to lodge. Attended meeting First-day, fourteenth of Tenth Month. In the afternoon at Winona, at half-past two o'clock; both relieving and solemn opportunities. The afternoon meeting very large.

Second-day, Tenth Month 15th.—Had a meeting at Damascoville at two o'clock; pretty largely attended. I was very hoarse, but was told I was clearly understood. For all these favors I trust I was truly humbled and thankful.

Third-day, Tenth Month 16th.—Edward Bonsall and his dear wife took me down to Carmel, where we were kindly cared for by Wilson Hall and wife. Had a meeting at ten o'clock, Fourth-day, Tenth Month 17th, which was large and a favored season, though things were plainly spoken to. Dined at Abel Blackburn's pleasantly. Joseph Hall took me to Middleton. Visited an invalid daughter of Benjamin Harrison, where we took tea. After taking me to Mifflin Cadwalader's, Joseph returned home.

Fifth-day, Tenth Month 18th.—Had a meeting at Middleton, which was a time of favor in testimony and prayer. States and conditions were plainly spoken to. A hope was

felt that they might be aroused to a sense of their lukewarm situation. However, I felt that I had done what I could. Think I fully appreciate the kindness of my many friends, during my visit in Ohio, whose names are not mentioned here. In the afternoon went to my sister's, near New Brighton.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 19th.—Went to Pittsburgh; and Seventh-day, Tenth Month 20th, Benjamin Lightfoot and his kind wife Lydia went with me to Sewickly, where we were kindly cared for by Benjamin Gilbert and family.

First-day, Tenth Month 21st.—Attended their meeting, which was large for the place. It was a laborious time to me, the life of religion seemed very low, but I felt I had done what was given me to do. This was the last meeting I attended. We returned to Pittsburgh in the evening; and I left for home Second-day morning, Tenth Month 22nd, and arrived home about eight o'clock in the evening, finding all in usual health. And now, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Tenth Month 23rd.—Our Monthly Meeting was held this day, in which I returned the Minute granted me last month, to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting and some others; and informed the meeting that I had attended the Yearly Meeting, and all the meetings belonging to it this side of Iowa, except four, to the relief and peace of my own mind.

First-day, Tenth Month 28th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, under a feeling of great poverty of spirit. I was let down into a very low place. Elizabeth Russell appeared in supplication, and Rebecca Ann Cooper spoke briefly in a lively manner. My way seemed to open with this query of our Holy Redeemer: "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his

soul?" My mind had been deeply impressed with these words, and the importance of individual faithfulness to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in our own hearts, whereby we might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and thus become in some measure prepared to work out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling before God, etc. I felt my spiritual strength to be renewed, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy to me this day.

Fourth-day, Eleventh Month 7th.—Attended the funeral of Charles L. Willitts, near Haddonfield; large and solemn.

Eleventh Month 10th.—In my late visit to Ohio Yearly Meeting and a number of meetings subordinate thereto, I was often brought under much exercise and religious concern because of the low state of things in most places that I visited. Whilst there are a number of young Friends here and there, who seemed interested in the welfare of Society, there are very many who seem to settle down in an indifferent or lukewarm state; trusting, I fear, too much in a name to live, while they may be dead in trespasses and in sins. Many meetings there, as among us, are small, and likely to become smaller unless something takes place that we do not now see. The profession we are making to one another and to surrounding beholders, will do nothing for us, unless we live up to it; and I fear sometimes that it may rise up in judgment against us in that day when we must give an account of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil. If we were, as a people, more willing to dwell under the influence of the Spirit of our Holy Redeemer, we should be more concerned to live up to and promulgate the doctrines and Christian testimonies which we profess before the world. And if this was our engagement, we should experience a growth in the ever-blessed

Truth as it is in Jesus. And thus we might become as lights in the world, and others seeing our good works would be prepared to glorify our Father who is in Heaven. May it be so, sayeth my soul! Amen.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 12th.—Philip and Elizabeth C. Dunn, Joseph S. and Thomas Elkinton, myself and several other Friends, with a few other persons, gathered around the body of William Grinder, his wife being the only relative present. William served out a sentence of several years in the penitentiary at Trenton, New Jersey, where he became convinced, convicted and, we trust, repented for his crimes. Wrote much upon the subject of his sinfulness, and warning others to take heed to the witness for Truth, secretly revealed in their own hearts, etc. It was a solemn opportunity, and some of us thought it was good for us to be there. Great is the goodness and mercy of our Father in Heaven!

Fourth-day, Eleventh Month 14th.—Attended the funeral of Sarah N. Woolman, a member of our meeting. Phebe W. Roberts, Elizabeth Allen and myself were engaged in close, searching testimonies, greatly to my relief and peace.

Fourth-day, Eleventh Month 21st.—Attended the funeral of cousin Rachel Roberts, a member of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. Deborah Rhoads and myself were engaged in testimony. It was a quiet, satisfactory opportunity. Thus we pass away. "Be ye also ready."

Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 23rd.—Went out to attend Western Quarterly Meeting, in company with Richard Esterbrook, Henry T. Outland and Thomas Fisher, the two latter from North Carolina, and Eliza H. Varney from Canada. We were all engaged in the ministry, and some of our exercises were very harmonious. It was thought to

be a good, solid meeting. Though it is quite a large meeting, it is nevertheless weak.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 27th.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting. A covering, very precious to me, spread over the meeting. Eliza H. Varney appeared in supplication; after which she spoke at some length. Then I threw in my mite, to those who I believed were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, encouraging them to hold on their way Zionward, keeping their eye single to the Captain of their souls' salvation, and He would, in the riches of his love and mercy, lead them safely along, even in that path which is cast up for the ransomed and the redeemed of the Lord to walk in, etc. Thomas Fisher also spoke; and Henry T. Outland spoke and appeared in supplication in a very earnest manner. It was felt to be, and spoken of, as being an interesting, solemn and instructive meeting. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 29th.—I attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting, which is small. Elizabeth C. Dunn, Eliza H. Varney, Clarkson Sheppard, Henry T. Outland, David Heston, all ministers, and Thomas Fisher, not recommended, were there; and all spoke, and I threw in my mite. It was a favored meeting, felt to be so, I think, by all present. Some states were closely spoken to, others stirred up to greater diligence, and others were encouraged to hold on their way, nothing doubting but the Lord would in his own time arise for their help, as they were faithful and obedient unto Him. Living praises were offered up to our Father in Heaven, for his love, goodness and mercy unto us this day. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 8th.—Attended the funeral of Samuel Allinson, at Crosswicks, New Jersey, which was

very large. There was much speaking. Went to Joseph Middleton's, who, with his dear wife, cared for me nicely. Attended their meeting on First-day, the ninth of Twelfth Month, which is small and weak. There is now no elder or overseer on the men's side. The meeting was very quiet, and much apparent feeling on account of the loss of Samuel Allinson, who sat at the head. It seemed to me to be a low time; but the few Friends present were encouraged in true and living faith, to draw near unto our Father in Heaven, who is pleased at times and seasons to make a way for his humble, trusting children, where there appears no way, etc. I felt deeply for the members of the meeting in their stripped condition.

Third-day, First Month 15th, 1884.—Attended the burial of Rebecca A. Bell, at Woodbury, N. J. She was the daughter of Othniel Alsop. The company was not as large as often is the case on such occasions, but it was a very satisfactory opportunity. There were two or three communications, and I threw in my mite. Her trials and afflictions had been many and various, but it seemed to me the Lord had indeed delivered her out of them all.

Seventh-day, Second Month 2nd, was our Select Quarterly Meeting. Several strangers were present. Morris Cope spoke briefly on the subject of rightly authorized ministry, its importance, etc., to good satisfaction. Elizabeth R. Evans had a word of cheer to those who were often brought low, feeling poor and stripped before the Lord, etc. Elizabeth Allen had a word of encouragement for the faint and weary, etc.

Third-day, Second Month 12th.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting. I broke the silence of the meeting, which is not usual for me, when there are several ministers present. With a word of encouragement to the faint and weary, those

who were often brought low before the Lord, under a deep sense of their own weakness and nothingness. It was such as these that the Lord was pleased to visit with his tender love and mercy, and help them on their way Zionward, etc. Then my mind was turned towards Friends generally, with a desire that when thus assembled we might have our minds so gathered from the world and its influences, that we might be prepared to offer unto God true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his holy sight, etc. My feelings were drawn in Gospel love toward the dear young Friends, who were encouraged to faithfulness even in small things, that they might be fitted and prepared by the hand of the Lord, to take the places of those who had been, and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, etc., greatly to my relief and peace of mind. Jonathan E. Rhoads and Elizabeth R. Evans spoke much in the same way as I had done. All praise to our Heavenly Father; unto us blushing and confusion of face!

Of this meeting Joseph Scattergood says: "John S. Stokes first spoke, from the text, 'Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. I will rejoice in the Lord, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.' He was much favored in his testimony."

Sixth-day, Second Month 15th.—I attended Caln Quarterly Meeting, in company with Richard Esterbrook. The meeting was smaller than usual, the roads being bad for travel. After a time of solemn silence, I stood up in much weakness, with this testimony of the Apostle, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom, said he, I am chief." Our Saviour's coming in the flesh, his sufferings, his miracles, his crucifixion, his ascension, his second appearance without sin unto salvation, his teaching



us by his Holy Spirit, were all largely spoken of. The meeting seemed truly baptized. Richard Esterbrook spoke afterward. Many Friends expressed their full unity with what had been said; it was a solid, good meeting. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Very deep have been my trials and baptisms, so that I have sat in our meetings, as with my mouth in the dust for the last few weeks, under great discouragement; no one could know what I was passing through but my Heavenly Father. And I earnestly craved that He would be pleased to preserve me as in the hollow of his holy hand, in the hour of trial and temptation, and blessed forever be his great and holy Name, yesterday, the First-day of the week, and second of the Third Month, after deep exercise, He was pleased to raise me up in our own meeting, to proclaim his everlasting Gospel.

First-day, Third Month 9th. — In the afternoon some strangers were at our meeting, one who had never been in a Friends' meeting before, as I learned afterward. Under much feeling, I arose in the meeting with these words: "No man can redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him. The working out of the soul's salvation was an individual work, and we were left without excuse," etc.

Fifth-day, Third Month 20th.—Attended the meeting at Medford, in which the marriage of Allen H. Roberts and Ida Wilkins took place. I was pretty largely led to speak of the soul's salvation as being an individual work, and that we were left without excuse, for the grace of God which bringeth salvation had appeared to all men, etc. The dear young Friends who were about to enter into the marriage covenant, were especially addressed, desiring their preservation and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus, etc.; all to the relief and peace of my own mind.

Edward Sharpless was especially engaged in testimony and prayer! It was thought to be a good meeting, and the dear young people's deportment was truly very satisfactory. It did seem that our Heavenly Father condescended to be in our midst. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

First-day, Fourth Month 6th.—At our meeting this afternoon a word of comfort and cheer was given me, as I apprehended, for the weary and heavy laden, and I was enabled, in good authority, I trust, to encourage some who were present, to lie low before the Lord, who would in his own time arise for their help, etc.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 12th.—Went down to Barnegat, N. J. Was kindly cared for by R. and B. Stokes, wife and others. Attended their meeting on First-day, the thirteenth. There are but few members, hence the meeting is generally very small and weak. But a considerable number of those coming in, who were not members, the meeting was large and solemn. Great attention to what was said, and much feeling and tenderness of spirit were manifested. The Gospel message flowed freely, and the covering which was spread over us was very marked and striking. I called on all the members, and some others. Returned home Second-day evening, feeling thankful that I had given up to this apprehension of religious duty. Sweet peace follows obedience to the Divine and holy will!

Our Yearly Meeting convened on Second-day, the twenty-first of Fourth Month, the first session of the Meeting for Ministers and Elders having been held on Seventh-day, the nineteenth. At this meeting were present several Friends from other Yearly Meetings. It was thought to be a good meeting. A very quiet and solemn covering spread over the meeting for business on Second-day morning, which, in a good degree, prevailed through the several sittings of the

meeting. Much unity and harmony were manifested in the transaction of the business claiming attention at this time. The meeting closed in great quiet, and with a thankful sense of the favor bestowed in having been enabled to transact its business with dignity and weight, under a feeling of solemnity.

Fifth-day, Fifth Month 1st.—Attended the meeting at Moorestown, N. J., in which William H. Roberts and Elizabeth C. Stokes were united in marriage. The meeting was large, and I felt a little constrained, as I believed, to call its attention to the importance of silent and Divine worship, for God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc.

Fourth-day, Fifth Month 14th.—In company with Mary Test, a minister, and Asenath Edgerton, an elder from Iowa, Zaccheus Test, the husband of Mary, and my wife being in company also, went to Salem, N. J. Mary Test, Asenath Edgerton and myself attended the Select Quarterly Meeting, which is very small and weak. But it was thought our Divine Lord and Master condescended to be with us, and broke a little bread amongst us to our comfort.

Fifth-day, Fifth Month 15th.—We all attended the general Quarterly Meeting, which is also very small. Asenath Edgerton broke the silence with a few words, after which my way seemed open to proclaim the way of life and salvation through and by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Gospel flowed freely, to the contriting of many hearts. I was upon my feet for a considerable time. After which Mary Test bore a very harmonious testimony, to my comfort. It was thought to be a time of favor, and hence a good meeting. All praise, glory and honor belong to our Father in Heaven. Friends were truly kind.

Third-day, Fifth Month 27th.—Attended Burlington

Quarterly Meeting. Deborah Thomas, of Baltimore, broke the silence in supplication and testimony; Elizabeth Allen in testimony at some length. After which I was upon my feet for some time, matter flowing freely and plainly, and much solemnity and tenderness manifested, and I felt calm and peaceful. But after the meeting was over, and we passed away, a fear took hold of my mind that I had not kept close to my Divine Lord and Master, and yet I was not enabled to see where I had missed my way. But I do desire to be careful and watchful, favored to keep my eye single to the Captain of my soul's salvation; and the fear which took hold of my mind may be as a watchword. How good is our Heavenly Father to remind us that we are weak and frail, and without Him we can do nothing to promote his blessed cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth. All praise and honor belong to our Father in Heaven!

First-day, Sixth Month 1st.—Samuel F. Balderston spoke at some length, on the importance of making a proper use of the time allotted to us while here, very instructively. After a time of silence, I brought to view the short, but full and clear, petition of the Psalmist: "Lord make me to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is, that I may know how frail I am;" that it was indeed important that we should feel our frailty, and how poor and weak we are, and our entire dependence upon our Heavenly Father for every good and perfect gift, etc.

Sixth-day, Sixth Month 20th.—The Meeting for Sufferings was held this day. The subject of hat honor to man was largely considered, and an address read, approved and directed to be printed and circulated among our members and others. It was a very interesting and instructive meet-

ing, for which Divine favor, I trust, many of us were thankful.

A member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who resided in Western New York, was called upon to testify in a civil suit before a court held in Buffalo. The judge, before whom the case was tried, refused to allow him to deliver his testimony unless he would remove his hat, as a sign of respect to the court. This, in accordance with the well-known principles of Friends, he refused to do. This was in 1884.

The case was brought to the notice of Philadelphia Meeting for Sufferings, and as the action of the judge involved one of the religious rights which Friends had long enjoyed, some correspondence was had with him in reference to it; which, it was thought, would prevent the recurrence of any such arbitrary act in the future. Out of it grew also the preparation of the tract on "Hat Honor," designed to explain the grounds on which our Society refuse to give this honor to man.

Second-day, Eighth Mo. 4th.—Our Quarterly Meeting held this day. Joseph S. Elkinton and myself were engaged in testimony at some length, I trust, to the satisfaction of most Friends, but I fear there are too many who do not give much if any heed to what is said, and who come and go from our religious meetings very little, if any the better for it. But we must endeavor to discharge our religious duties, and then leave the result with Him who sees the end from the beginning. It was a relieving time to my exercised mind, and I left the meeting with a little renewal of my spiritual strength. All praise belongs to my Father in heaven.

Third-day, Eighth Month 5th.—Attended the funeral of Allen R. Pharo at Laurel Hill. Met in what they call the chapel. The company was not large, but it was a solemn season. Samuel F. Balderston was largely engaged in tes-

timony in relation to the atonement of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. I felt constrained to express my feeling of sympathy for the near relatives of the dear departed, etc., and then to exhort some who were present to prepare for such an hour by working out their souls' salvation with fear and trembling before God, etc. Much tenderness was manifested, and some of us could say, it is good to be here. Allen was a member of our meeting for many years, but subsequently was a member of New Garden Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pa.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 9th.—My wife and self went over to Marlton, N. J., to visit our cousins, William Cooper Lippincott and wife, where we were very kindly received and had a pleasant visit. Attended meeting at Cropwell, which is not large. After much exercise and travail of spirit I arose with these words: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" I was upon my feet for some time in a testimony for the Truth.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 17th.—Attended the funeral of Samuel Bell, an esteemed member of our meeting, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. A large company of Friends and others were present. Samuel Emlen spoke and appeared in supplication very impressively. I was engaged in testimony at the house and at the grave. Samuel Bell was a meek, quiet-spirited man, a good example for many of us to follow.

Fifth-day, Eighth Month 21st.—My wife and self went out to Morris Cope's, near London Grove, Chester County, Pa. Attended Western Quarterly Meeting on Sixth-day, the 22nd of Eighth Month, to good satisfaction. Edward Sharpless broke the silence of the meeting in a clear testimony. Marshall Fell followed in a plain and touching com-

munication. I then spoke. It felt to me there were some skeptical minds present who were desired and encouraged to give heed to the inspeaking word, which is nigh in the mouth and in the heart, etc. Debbie E. Cope spoke afterward. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting. We dined at Emily Pusey's pleasantly, and then to Clarkson Moore's, who, with his dear wife, made us very comfortable, and on Seventh-day took us to Charles Cooper's, whose wife is not able to get out to meeting. Spent the night with them, and next morning, being First-day, we went on to London Britain Meeting. Dined with Abel Hopkins and his interesting family. Called at Lewis Passmore's, where silence was brought about in an unexpected manner, and we had a comforting opportunity together. Then drove to John Balderston's to tea and lodged, which was pleasant to us.

Second-day morning, Eighth Month 25th.—Our dear friends, Clarkson Moore and wife, being still with us, took us to Kennett Square, where we separated, I trust, in the love and fellowship of the Gospel of Christ, they going to their and we to our homes, with our hearts tendered under a deep sense of the goodness of our Father in heaven. While there are many evidences that we are not a forsaken people, yet I believe it is a low time in our religious Society. That spirituality that once characterized a large number of Friends in days that are past is largely needed in the present day. Too many enter into judgment from the seeing of the eye and the hearing of the ear, instead of a righteous judgment, which proceeds from the spirit of Truth.

Sixth-day, Ninth Month 5th.—Attended the funeral of Jane Moon, in her ninety-first year, a beloved elder and member of Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends. Friends and

others met in the meeting-house. The company was large. Several testimonies were borne to the precept and example of the beloved departed relative and friend.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 3rd.—I went over to Easton, N. J., took tea at Ezra Engle's; after which he took me to Stacy Stiles', where live a widow of Stacy Stiles, Sr., four daughters (all grown up, and nice, Friendly-looking women, one of which is a mute), two sons, one of them a mute, and one other, a mute and married to a mute, whom I did not see. We spent a very pleasant evening together, and I think we all enjoyed it very much indeed. The mother had not been off the place for about three years, on account of not being able to ride, but gets about the house very well.

First-day morning, Tenth Month 5th.—After breakfast it seemed to me it would be right for us to sit down together, which was nicely brought about, and proved to be a favored opportunity, the mother being comforted, and the children encouraged to continue the Christian's warfare, for it did seem to me the Lord in his true and loving mercy, was very near and round about us; and if faithfulness were abode in, they would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Second-day, Tenth Month 13th.—I called upon Thomas D. Marsden, whom I called upon Eighth Month 2nd. He was much reduced in flesh and strength since my first visit, but appeared calm and peaceful. It was a tendering opportunity, as we did not expect to meet again in this state of instability, and I think we all felt the better for being together. He quietly passed away the next day or evening. I rejoiced that I attended to the feeling of making him the visit. How good it is to give heed to these little intimations of religious duty.

Tenth Month 18th.—Dined at Samuel Williams', at Ran-



cocas, then called on Caleb Darnell, who was quite poorly and somewhat discouraged in mind ; he was encouraged to draw near to our Heavenly Father in spirit, and He would sustain and enable him to bear his afflictions with Christian patience and resignation to the Divine will, etc. He seemed a little cheered up, and we felt it was good for us to be together.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 11th. — Ellis Haines and Catharine Howard were married at our meeting this day, in a very commendable manner, becoming our religious profession, quite a number present who were not members. Phebe A. Elkinton spoke briefly. Elizabeth Russell appeared in supplication. As the meeting was about to close I rose upon my feet and proclaimed the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for some time. Those present were very attentive, and the meeting very solemn. Some had never attended a Friend's meeting before, and were much interested, saying they were glad to be there, etc. It was very unexpected to me to say anything in the meeting, but I felt that times and seasons were not at our command. All praise, glory and honor, salvation and high renown belong unto God and his beloved Son Christ Jesus, our ever blessed and Holy Redeemer. Amen.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 15th.—I went down to Tuckerton, N. J., and was kindly cared for by Archelaus R. Pharo and family. Made a number of calls on aged invalids, who are unable to get out, and I think we were a little comforted together in the love of the Gospel of Christ, our Holy Redeemer.

First-day, Eleventh Month 16th.—Attended their meeting, which was much larger than usual—a number coming in who were not members. Spiritual life seemed very low

for some time, but when self was brought down, a little life sprang up, and grew brighter and stronger, until the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed among them, and thanksgiving and praise were offered upon the bended knee, all to my humble admiration. The meeting was very solemn. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Second-day morning, Eleventh Month 17th.—I left my kind friends and rode up to Barnegat, made several calls to good satisfaction and lodged with Robert Stokes.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 18th.—Attended the burial of John Collins, who died on the 13th instant very suddenly. Had been out all day, but did not feel very well near the evening; he went into the house, took a chair by the fire, and about five minutes afterward his wife went in and found that he had passed entirely away, apparently without emotion of any kind. They were amazed at what had taken place so entirely unlooked for. It seemed to make a tendering impression upon the minds of the people, and a large company assembled in the meeting-house in a very quiet, orderly manner. There were two short communications, after which my way opened to proclaim the Gospel of Christ largely among the mixed assembly. Many hearts were tendered as Gospel truths flowed freely. Then prayer was offered to the Father of all our sure mercies, craving that He would be pleased to be near the bereaved ones, sustaining them in the hour of affliction, etc., all greatly to my relief and peace. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven—blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

It is, as I believe, an unspeakable mercy and favor to be made sensible of our spiritual needs, and of our entire inability to supply them. We cannot command any good thing of ourselves, but are dependent upon our Father in

Heaven for every good and perfect gift, whether spiritual or temporal, for they all emanate from Him.

Third-day, Second Mo. 10th, 1885.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting, which was smaller than sometimes on account of the weather being somewhat inclement. I went into the meeting feeling poor and weak ; but there was a solemn covering spread over us soon after the meeting gathered. And after a time of exercise I felt, as I thought, constrained to bring to our view the language of the Apostle when he said : “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief.” The love, mercy, goodness and almighty power of our God were brought to view, in providing a way for the redemption and salvation of the soul of man, and that by the sending of his only begotten Son into the world that whosoever might believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. His outward and his spiritual appearance were largely brought to our view, even his teaching his humble, trusting, dedicated children by his Holy Spirit, in the secret of the heart, and the effects thereof, if given heed unto, were largely set forth, etc. Several Friends spoke, and their testimonies were in full harmony with what had been said. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting, and some of us, I believe, did praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness to us this day. A memorial of our late beloved friend, Abigail W. Hall, was read, to our comfort, and I trust to our edification also. It was approved and directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

First-day, Second Month 15th.—At our own meeting ; felt poor and stripped of all good, but soon after taking my seat this declaration of the Apostle was sounded in my mental ear : “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of

you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." And it continued with me, and after two or three short communications, I felt constrained to bring it to our remembrance, for it seemed to me there were those present who were ready to doubt the doctrine of immediate or Divine revelation. I desired they might be more watchful, more careful, more prayerful, lest they be drawn away from the manifestations of religious duties secretly revealed in their own hearts, and hence depart from the living God, etc. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Third-day, Second Month 17th.—Attended the funeral of Esther Rodgers, a cousin of ours, at Haddonfield, New Jersey. Friends met in the meeting-house, quite a large number of relatives and others being present. Charles Rhoads spoke at some length, after which I added somewhat. Great solemnity was spread over us, and it did seem to be a time of favor, for which I trust some of us were truly thankful. How good the Lord is!

Third-day, Second Month 24th.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting. Elizabeth C. Dunn had a short testimony in the forepart of the meeting, which seemed to add to the solemnity which was spread over us. Afterwards, a woman from Ohio, of the "Binns' body," appeared in a long supplication, and very soon after she was upon her feet for some time, in a very unsatisfactory testimony, in which she declared some things which were not in accordance with the doctrines ever held by the religious Society of Friends; such as the Scriptures being the "word of God," that the sinner had no soul's salvation to work out, that it was the work of the Church. It brought much feeling over the meeting, which seemed to hurt it very much. I had a short testimony of encouragement to some who felt that they were heavily laden, and those who had been called

upon to partake of the bitter cup, in parting with dear and loved ones; several of such being present, of which I did not know, until after meeting, which I was glad of. I was surprised after meeting to find how many of our young Friends there were who noticed the doctrine advanced by the woman from Ohio. I felt sad and sorrowful, for many believe she is a highly-favored woman. Be thou pleased, O Lord, to preserve me!

Sixth-day, Third Month 13th.—Attended the funeral of Rachel H. Roberts, wife of John Roberts, which was large and solemn. Esther Roberts bore testimony to her upright walk, and tenderness of spirit, etc., with desires that we all might be prepared for the final change. I felt and expressed near and tender sympathy with the husband and son, who are all that are left of the family. They were encouraged to draw near to our Father in Heaven, that they might experience his all-sustaining, almighty arm of Power to be round about and underneath, strengthening and supporting them under all of their trials, afflictions and sore bereavements, etc. All were exhorted to more faithfulness in working out their souls' salvation, even to the doubling of our diligence, if needs be, in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence to be seen here of men no more, etc. This our dear friend was favored with, a meek and quiet spirit. She was an esteemed member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting of Friends, New Jersey, and was in the fifty-third year of her age.

First-day, Third Month 22nd.—Attended our own meeting in weakness of body and much discouragement. But after a time of deep exercise, I arose with these words: It was after he had known something of the presence of the Lord and the influences of his Holy Spirit, and had partaken of the joys of God's salvation, that the Psalmist

made use of this, to me, striking petition: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me; cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me; restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. It had seemed to me that there might be those present who had known something of these things for themselves, but who were brought under discouragement, because it seemed to them that the Lord had indeed withdrawn his Holy Spirit from them. These were encouraged to lie very low before the Lord, and put up their petitions unto Him, as the Psalmist did, and He would hear them and arise for their help. It did seem to me there was one or more present who could understand my exercise, and I desired they might be enabled to draw near unto the Lord in spirit, and He would, in the riches of his love and mercy, make a way for them, where there appeared to be no way. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

Some days afterward, a Friend who was present, not a member of our meeting, but who felt constrained to attend it that morning, called upon me, and informed me she felt it right to let me know that my communication on First-day morning was for her, as it so clearly set forth her situation, and she was so thankful to her Heavenly Father for the favor. She had been comforted and helped on her way Zionward, etc. The next day another Friend came, and said the communication was a very remarkable one to her; she could understand it all; etc. And now what shall I render unto thee, O Lord, for all thy sure mercies? Let it be a more loving and faithful heart, O God!

First-day morning, Third Month 29th.—Attended meeting at Orange Street, which is very small compared with some years since. Deborah Rhoads spoke at some length; after which, I felt that a word of encouragement was given

me for some hungering, thirsting little ones, who, I believed, were present, and felt faint and weary, because of the varied and many discouragements by which they seemed to be surrounded. It seemed to me if they continued to hunger and thirst after righteousness, they would be filled, according to the promise of our Holy Redeemer; and be made partakers of that living bread which comes down from God out of Heaven, and which alone can nourish up the soul unto everlasting life, etc.

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## CHAPTER XIII.

ATTENDS THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1885, THE MEETING AT FRANKFORD, THE MEETING AT WOODBURY, N. J.—REMARKS ON RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATIONS AT HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF SARAH JONES—VISIT TO PLAINFIELD—ATTENDS THE MEETINGS OF MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF SARAH HAINES, THE FUNERAL OF WILMER P. LEEDS—VISIT TO MALVERN—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF RACHEL E. ROBERTS—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF MARY ANN PAIST, HIS OWN MEETING—VISIT TO MANSFIELD, N. J.—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JANE HANCOCK, THE FUNERAL OF ANN E. BROWN, THE FUNERAL OF SAMUEL H. ROBERTS, THE MEETING AT CROPWELL, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF ATLANTIC HURLY—VISIT TO WOODBURY, N. J.—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM B. EVANS, HIS OWN MEETING—VISIT TO MEDFORD, N. J.—ATTENDS BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING, TWELFTH STREET MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM COOPER LIPPINCOTT, EASTON MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF ALFRED HILLMAN, THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM BETTLE, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT BUR-

LINGTON, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH EASTLACK, PLYMOUTH MEETING, WOODBURY MONTHLY MEETING, HIS OWN MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM H. PILE—VISITS A GERMAN WOMAN—ATTENDS THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1886—NOTICE OF ELWOOD DEAN—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF HOWARD MIDDLETON, OF WILSON PARRY, OF ELIZABETH K. COOPER, THE MEETING IN WOODBURY, THE MEETING IN HADDONFIELD—PASSES THROUGH DEEP DISCOURAGEMENT—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF MARY J. JACKSON, THE MEETING AT DOWNINGTON, PA.—VISITS MUNCY AND ITS NEIGHBORHOOD—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF JOHN TRIMBLE—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF ELVA COPE—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF PHEBE BARTLETT—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ARCHELAUS R. PHARO—VISIT TO BARNEGAT—ATTENDS BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF HENRY W. WILLS, OF ANNE C. BROWN, OF SARAH A. ENGLE, THE MEETING AT MOUNT LAUREL, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF RICHARD BUZBY, OF SARAH C. GASKILL, OF PHEBE E. COOPER, NEWTON MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF RUTH ANNA COATS, OF BEULAH BARTON.

The first sitting of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was held on Seventh-day, Fourth Month 18th, 1885. It was a season in which the hearts of many were made to rejoice at the evidence afforded of the extension of Divine favor. At the Yearly Meeting for business, on Second-day, twentieth inst., the principal part of the session was occupied in reading the interesting Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings. The Yearly Meeting was favored during its different sittings, with a good degree of help from the Head of the Church, enabling it to transact its business with dignity and propriety; and the hearts of many were comforted in the belief that our Heavenly Father is still



mindful of all those who put their whole trust and confidence in Him.

First-day, Fifth Month 17th.—In company with Barclay and Hannah Stratton from Ohio (Hannah being in the station of a minister), I attended meeting at Frankford, which is small and weak. After a long silence, I ventured upon my feet with, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," etc., to the end of the text. That I had been deeply impressed with the words, the world passeth away and the lusts thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever! The attention of the dear young Friends was called to this impressive declaration, and they encouraged to yield obedience to the Divine will, etc. Hannah had good service, with a harmonious testimony. We made several calls to good satisfaction, with some religious vocal exercise. Returned to the city in the evening, trusting the day had not been spent in vain.

First-day, Fifth Month 24th.—Attended meeting at Woodbury, New Jersey, which is small and weak, though a number of very nice Friends belong there. The "poor and needy" were encouraged to continue to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and they "should be filled," and as they drew near the Lord in spirit He would be their stay and their staff, etc. The lukewarm and easy were exhorted to more diligence in making their calling and election sure, before they were called hence to be seen here of men no more. The Gospel flowed clearly and freely, and the meeting was solemn; some present were tendered, and expressed their full unity with what had been expressed, believing it to be applicable to their state and condition. Friends were very kind indeed, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the chil-

dren of men. Called on Benjamin J. Lord, who was not able to be out, and made some other calls to very good satisfaction; and lodged at my cousins', George and Sallie Stokes, my dear friend, Mary Ann Paul, being present, all of which was very pleasant to me. Returned home Second-day morning, feeling calm and peaceful. How good it is to trust in the Lord, and not in man!

First-day, Fifth Month 31st.—Elizabeth C. Dunn, in the course of a family visit to our members, attended our meeting. She had a remarkable communication in relation to love and unity, and our religious duties toward each other; bringing largely to view the circumstance of the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, etc., and the good Samaritan and his good deeds—tenth chapter of Luke, 30-37 verses. How slow we are to go and do likewise. It did seem to me that her Divine Lord and Master was with her, and there was cause for such an exercise. Let the Lord have all the praise!

Third-day, second of Sixth Month.—E. C. Dunn attended our meeting with a lively testimony well adapted to our condition. Her visits to the families have been satisfactory, as far as I know.

On Seventh-day, Seventh Month 4th, attended the funeral of Sarah Jones, wife of our brother, Joseph Jones. She died with a few hour's sickness, sensible only a few minutes after she was taken; a solemn warning to those of us who are left a little longer.

Attended Newton Meeting on First-day, the sixth inst., the Gospel flowing freely, I trust to some profit.

Sixth-day, Seventh Month 10th, I went to Plainfield, N. J., with my friend Richard Esterbrook, at whose house I was kindly cared for. Attended meeting there on First-day, the twelfth inst. The meeting was not large, but about the

usual number, and seemed very solemn, and it was thought to be a good meeting, our Heavenly Father condescending to be with us, to our edification and comfort. Richard Esterbrook spoke twice, and I added something, I trust to the encouragement and a renewal of faith to some.

I called on a number of Friends in Plainfield, to my own satisfaction, and coming home by Rahway, I stopped to see my cousins, Isaac C. and Mary K. Stokes, and also my dear friend, Joel Wilson, who is past eighty-one years of age, but very bright and cheerful. We were glad to see each other. My visits and calls were all pleasant, and I feel that I have much to be thankful for. Quicken me, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit.

Seventh Month 18th.—I went up to Sereno, Columbia County, Pa. Was met at Millville, by James Masters, who took me to his house, where I was kindly cared for by him and family.

First-day morning the 19th.—Attended their meeting at Greenwood, which was large, and proved to be a season of Divine favor in testimony and supplication; many minds were tendered and made thankful. Went home with Isaac Heacock. He and his family were very kind.

Second-day morning, Seventh Month 20th.—Isaac and myself started for the Elklands in a buggy, with one horse, the roads very rough and mountainous. We rode about thirty miles to Eaglesmere, where we spent the night at John Kirk's, a Friend who keeps a summer boarding-house, and there are other houses there for the same purpose. There is a large lake at this place, twenty-two hundred and fifty feet above tide water. It is considered a very healthy place, and many resort to it for health and rest.

Third-day morning, twenty-first of Seventh Month.—We started for the Elklands and arrived at Joseph McCarty's

about two o'clock. Found Joseph rather feeble and his sister Mary not strong.

Seventh Month 22nd.—Muncy Monthly Meeting was for the first time held at the Elklands, and was largely attended, by the members of the different Preparative Meetings. It was thought to be a time of Divine favor, the Gospel was largely proclaimed amongst them. The way of life and salvation was clearly pointed out to those present, who were attentive to what was said. The importance of dwelling in love and unity was brought to view in a feeling manner, and Friends were desired to remove everything out of the way which retarded their progress Zionward, and leave the things which were behind and press forward, etc. It was thought to be a touching, solemn meeting, and desires were felt and expressed that the labors of Gospel love might not be lost. To the Father of all our sure mercies belongs all the praise, glory and honor! The weather being very warm, riding up hill and down, and the roads rough, with my spiritual exercises, prostrated me very much. After meeting went to George Shill's, who married a daughter of Ellen McCarty's, and they with their daughter Annie, made me very comfortable, and I rested until the afternoon of the next day, when we made a short but pleasant visit at Reuben Battin's.

Sixth-day, Seventh Month 24th.—Made several calls, had much exercise and labor in relation to love and unity, the vocal exercise being clear and plain, and I felt that I had discharged a little duty toward my dear friends without censuring any one. My feelings and exercises were abundantly confirmed, before I left the neighborhood.

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 25th.—My kind friend, John Sheppard, offering to take me to Muncy, we started about seven o'clock. It was very warm, the roads mountainous

and rough, so that we did not reach Henry Ecroyd's until six o'clock (about thirty miles), feeling tired and warm. But next morning, being First-day, the twenty-sixth of Seventh Month, attended Muncy Meeting, held in Pennsville, which was large, and our Heavenly Father condescended to be in our midst, humbling and contriting our hearts and spirits before Him, under a fresh sense that without Him we can do nothing. It was a season which should not be forgotten; the Lord alone be praised! Made a pleasant call in the afternoon at Mary Mendenhall's.

Second-day morning, Seventh Month 27th.—Henry Ecroyd kindly took me to the station, and after a comfortable ride I arrived home about half-past six, P. M.; found all about as I left them. And now what shall I render unto the Lord for all his mercies toward me! May it be a more dedicated heart to his holy will and service!

Second-day, Eighth Month 10th.—Went up to Moores-town to attend the funeral of our cousin, Sarah Haines, which was very large, and I trust, mostly satisfactory. Edward Sharpless, Charles Rhoads and myself said something in the way of ministry, expressing earnest desires that we who were left a little longer might be prepared for such a change, etc. It seemed to me there was some tenderness manifested on the part of some present. I felt it was good for me to be there.

Sixth-day, Eighth Month 14th.—Attended the funeral of Wilmer P. Leeds from our meeting-house, which was very large. There were fourteen ministers present, eight of whom spoke. Wilmer was in the twenty-seventh year of his age, a very consistent, promising young Friend, the only child of Allen and Hannah Leeds. They were closely united to each other. The parents deeply feel their loss.

Eighth Month 15th.—I went out to Malvern to see my

nephew, Levi S. Thomas and family. Attended meeting there First-day morning, the sixteenth of Eighth month, which proved to be a time of favor. The Gospel flowed freely and much feeling and tenderness were apparent. The poor and needy were encouraged, the lukewarm were stirred up, and all were entreated to draw near to our Father in Heaven and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, in order that we might experience a renewal of our spiritual strength and an increase of true and living faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, etc. In the afternoon called on some friends who are under deep trial in relation to their financial concerns. I felt much for them. Then went to the house of mourning, because of the death of a daughter of David Eldridge, about fifteen years of age, the only daughter, I think, and much beloved by all the family. We sat down together, and it seemed to us that our Heavenly Father condescended to be in our midst, tendering our hearts and contriting our spirits before Him. I believe we were mutually glad of the opportunity. Then went to Jacob Roberts' to tea, very pleasantly, Phebe not being able to be at meeting, but seemed better, and we all enjoyed the visit. Made two calls afterwards to good satisfaction. My nephew being with me, we returned to his house, feeling calm and peaceful and thankful for the mercies extended to me this day. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Returned home Second-day morning, comfortable in mind, and finding all pretty well.

Sixth-day, Eighth Month 21st.—Attended the funeral of Rachel E. Roberts, a member of Northern District Monthly Meeting of Friends, but who died at Cropwell, N. J., and was buried there, near her father, mother and friends. She was for many years much afflicted in body, and often deeply tried in mind, all of which she bore with much Christian

patience and resignation to the Divine will. Very conscientious and upright in her walk among men or those she mingled with, a good example in the attendance of religious meetings and of solid deportment therein, it is believed that, through Divine love and mercy, she has been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace. She was in her sixty-second year. I was pretty largely engaged at the house, earnestly exhorting all present to be prepared for such an hour, and it seemed to me that some of us had need to double our diligence in making our calling and election sure before we too were called hence to be seen here of men no more, etc. My spirit was humbled under a renewed sense of the Lord's love and mercy unto me this day.

First-day, Ninth Month 6th.—Went to our meeting under a feeling almost amounting to depression, so great was my poverty of spirit. But by patiently waiting for the arising of that spiritual light and life which my soul did so much crave, my Heavenly Father was pleased to arise as with healing in his wings, and I was raised up to proclaim a word of comfort and cheer to the faint and weary. My very soul seemed to be drawn out in Gospel love toward those that were present. The covering which was spread over the meeting was felt to be remarkable. Thus the Lord is pleased at times to cast down and to raise up, according to his holy will. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name. Amen!

Sixth-day, Ninth Month 11th.—Attended the funeral of Mary Ann Paist, one of our members, a quiet-spirited Friend, though not much known outside of the family connection. But few of our members were present, for which I was sorry, but a pretty large number of others were there. Very unexpectedly to myself I was led to speak largely of

the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration.

First-day, Ninth Month 13th.—Went to our own meeting feeling as if a great weight was resting upon me. I was soon brought under much feeling and deep exercise, but thought the meeting would be silent so far as I was concerned. But my mind continued to dwell much upon that religion which was ushered into the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Toward the time to close the meeting I felt that I must bring to our view this declaration of Scripture: “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in times past unto the fathers by the Prophets, hath, in these last days, spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the world, who, being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when He had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” There seemed to me much contained in this declaration of Scripture for our serious consideration. How impressive are these words: “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.” And He continues to speak or teach us by his Holy Spirit even as never man taught. I went on to say the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is not a religion of theories or speculation, but a cross-bearing, heartfelt, heart-cleansing, crucifying, baptizing and sanctifying religion. And if lived up to, it would lead us into true humility and prostration of soul before the Lord, under a deep sense of our inability to do any good thing of ourselves, etc. I was on my feet for some time. My Divine Lord and Master condescended to be very near his poor little one. The meeting seemed baptized into the one spirit, and was very solemn, and I felt the reward of sweet peace.



My soul did praise the Lord for his goodness to me this day.

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 19th.—Went to my cousin, Charles DeCou's, near Columbus, New Jersey. Attended Mansfield Meeting on First-day, the 20th, which was much larger than usual, but it seemed to me a low state of things existed in that place; but after a season of deep exercise and travail of soul, a covering spread over us which was truly precious, and under this feeling I was raised upon my feet, alluding to the solemnity which was so apparent, and my spirit had been brought into near and tender sympathy with some who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, but who seemed to fail in obtaining that which their souls so much desired, and hence were oftentimes brought under great discouragement and trial. They were encouraged to hold on their way, nothing doubting but the Lord would in his own time, which is the best time, enable them to partake of that living bread which comes down from God out of Heaven, and which alone can nourish up the soul unto everlasting life, etc., at some length. Then my mind was turned toward those, and especially among the young people present, who had not submitted themselves to the cross or yoke of Christ; and in a persuasive manner they were encouraged to submit their wills to the Divine and holy will, give heed to the spiritual teaching of our Holy Redeemer in the secret of the heart, follow Him in the way He would have them go, that they might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, etc.; after which, upon the bended knee, I did openly acknowledge the goodness, mercy, loving kindness and Almighty power of our Father in Heaven to us this day, poor and unworthy as we are, etc. Many Friends' minds were tendered and refreshed, and it was thought to be a time of

favor. I dined at Ann Satterthwaite's with my cousins, Charles and Rachael DeCou; then called on Rachel Satterthwaite, an aged Friend, who had been confined to her bed for more than six years. After this we made six other calls, nearly all upon invalids or those in affliction, which visits seemed to be thankfully received and appreciated, and I believe were to our mutual comfort and peace. After taking tea at Ann Curtis' and another religious opportunity with her family and some others, returned to my cousin's to lodge, with a peaceful mind and a thankful heart.

Next morning, Second-day, Ninth Month 21st, we started early and made a call on a woman Friend by the name of Aaronson, who had been confined to her bed for a long time, and whose trials and afflictions were very great indeed; she seemed very glad of the visit. I felt near and tender sympathy with her in her afflictions. Then went to the funeral of Jane Hancock, wife of Clayton, where there was a large, mixed company. I was brought under exercise for the spiritual welfare and growth of the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus; and in much fear I proclaimed the way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to this large company, the Gospel flowing freely for some time; it was very solemn and quiet. After partaking of some refreshment I returned home, trusting that I had been in my right place, for the Lord's tender mercies do endure forever.

Third-day, Tenth Month 6th.—Attended the funeral of Annie P. Brown, wife of George W. Brown, and daughter of the late Robert and Elizabeth Pitfield, in the seventy-seventh year of her age, a member of Northern District Monthly Meeting. She was a preacher of righteousness by a consistent life and conversation among the children of men. It was a season of Divine favor; it did seem that the

Divine presence was with us. Several testimonies were borne to the uprightness and influence for good of this dear Friend. Very precious was the feeling and the covering which was spread over us, for which blessing I trust many hearts were truly thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Our friend, Samuel H. Roberts, died this afternoon in less than one hour's sickness—another warning to some of us to be also ready. His body was taken to Moorestown, Tenth Month 9th, and the family with others, met in Friends' meeting-house, where a solemn meeting was held before the interment. A word of encouragement was held forth to the bereaved family in Gospel love, and others were called upon to examine themselves in order that they might see whether their day's work was keeping pace with the day, yea or nay, etc. The Gospel flowed freely for some time.

First-day, Tenth Month 12th. — Attended meeting at Cropwell, N. J., which is small and weak; while there are some well concerned exercised Friends belonging to it, there are others who seem at ease and in a state of lukewarmness. There seemed to be some tenderness manifested, but it was laborious getting along while my exercise lay heavy upon me, but felt that I did what was required at my hands.

Third-day, Tenth Month 20th.—Attended the funeral of our late aunt, Atlantic Hurley, formerly Stokes. She died in Burlington, where she and her son Stokes had lived together for many years. She deceased on Fifth-day, the fifteenth of Tenth Month, aged ninety-one years and five days. Some of the relatives and friends met at her home in Burlington, where we had a comfortable sitting, which did some of our hearts good. Truly the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father do endure forever.

After this favored opportunity, we, with the body of the

aged one, went to Medford, where relatives and friends met in what is called a Hicksite meeting-house, which proved to be another solid, solemn and satisfactory season ; for which favor, living praises were offered up to our Father in Heaven. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name ! Then the body was taken to its last resting-place. May we be concerned to treasure up the tendering impressions which have been made upon our hearts this day.

First-day, Tenth Month 25th.—Attended the meeting at Woodbury, N. J., and I felt poor and weak, passing through deep exercises. The subject of unbelief rested so weightily upon me, that I stood upon my feet with the words, “and he went out and wept bitterly.” This was the condition that Peter found himself in after thrice denying his Divine Lord and Master, though he had professed great love for Him, yet he was ashamed to confess Him before men. The query arose, Are we ashamed to acknowledge Him before man ; there are many ways in which we may do this, either by word or deed, etc.

Dined at our cousins George and Sallie Stokes, after which we called upon Benjamin Cloud, who lies upon the bed entirely helpless, moves neither hand nor foot. Then to Debbie Cooper’s, who is in a similar condition. Very deep was my sympathy for these dear, helpless Friends. Then in the next room to Debbie Cooper lay Mary Whitall, in a very weak, low state, scarcely able to speak in a whisper. My feelings were deeply enlisted on behalf of all these suffering ones, who seemed enabled to bear their trials and afflictions with Christian patience and resignation to the Divine will. Such as I had gave I unto them. Then to see Margaret Stokes, who at that time was unable to walk, but not helpless. I had before meeting called upon cousin Martha Stokes, who had been very ill, just able to sit up a

little, so that my exercises were deep, and lay heavy upon me; but my Heavenly Father helped me through all to the glory and honor of his great and holy Name! Then to cousin Louis Stokes' to tea, and spent a very pleasant evening and to cousin Sallie's to lodge, where the doings of the day were looked over with a peaceful mind and a thankful heart.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 30th.—Attended the funeral of William B. Evans, in Camden, N. J. He descended from a worthy family of Friends. It was a very quiet and thought to be a solemn and interesting opportunity. Richard Esterbrook spoke at some length, and I also spoke. Much tenderness was manifested on the part of a number of those present. We went under much feeling, but our Heavenly Father condescended to our low estate, and raised us up to proclaim his Gospel message. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name.

Eleventh Month 1st.—Attended our meeting in the afternoon feeling very well, but in the evening was taken very sick and suffered very much for twenty-four hours, and was confined to the bed and house for more than a week, so did not attend the general Quarterly Meeting.' It is now the fourteenth of the month and I am not very strong—another reminder of the uncertainty of time and the importance of a preparation for a never-ending eternity. Solemn indeed is the thought. Fit and prepare me, O Lord, for a little place in thy Kingdom!

First-day, Eleventh Month 15th.—In much weakness attended our meeting, and toward the close of it I was raised up to bear a testimony in relation to the spiritual teaching of our holy Redeemer in the secret of our every heart, and the importance of giving heed thereunto, lest it might be withdrawn from us and we left to grope our way as in thick

darkness, and live, as it were, without God in the world. Very earnest were my desires that some present might be persuaded to dwell deeply upon these things whilst time and opportunity were afforded them, etc.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 21st.—Went to Medford, New Jersey, to visit some of my relatives and friends; attended meeting there on First-day, the twenty-second. It seemed to me there is great need of more spiritual exercise and travail of soul, in many places, for the welfare and growth in the Truth of themselves and for the church. I endeavored to lay my exercise before them in a clear and close manner, to the relief and peace of my own mind; but I feared there was not an ear to hear, on the part of some. But I felt that I had done what I could, and left the matter for their serious consideration. I made a number of calls upon relatives and friends, to our mutual satisfaction and comfort. Returned home on the twenty-third with a peaceful mind.

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 26th.—Attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting, which is a small Quarter; Phebe W. Roberts and Deborah Rhoads were there also. We sat some time in silence, which I broke in much fear and weakness, but seemed to be drawn into near and tender sympathy with some tried, afflicted and discouraged ones, who were encouraged to lie humble and low before the Lord, under a deep sense of their own nothingness and inability to do any good thing as of themselves, etc. Phebe W. Roberts followed in a harmonious testimony, and Deborah Rhoads in supplication, under a sense of the goodness and presence of our Heavenly Father in our midst this day. The meeting was very solemn and was thought to be a time of renewed favor, for which many of our hearts were tendered, and we could say, it is good for us to be here and partake of the goodness

and mercies of our Father who is in Heaven. Blessed and praised forever be his great and holy Name!

First-day, Eleventh Month 23rd.—Attended the meeting on Twelfth Street, which was large. We sat in silence for some time, then a supplication from a young woman who sat down in the meeting; then a time of silence again, after which I stood upon my feet in much weakness and fear, but I trust the hungry, thirsting, faint and weary were encouraged and comforted; the lukewarm and those at ease were stirred up and encouraged to more faithfulness in the performance of the Divine will concerning them, which they were not strangers to. I was upon my feet for some time, but did not obtain that relief which is desirable. Some Friends were very kind, but it seemed to me there were those present who did not care to hear much about the teaching of the Holy Spirit in the secret of the heart. My spirit did praise the Lord for his goodness in granting us some evidence of his Divine presence, and the meeting closed under a solemn covering.

Twelfth Month 6th.—In the afternoon made a visit to our friend, William Bettle, who has been confined to bed for some weeks and thought to be drawing near the close of this life. We had a very precious opportunity together. It did seem that our Heavenly Father condescended to be with us, tendering our hearts in the love of the Gospel of Christ. We felt the better for thus mingling our spirits together, and separated in much feeling and love. Attended our meeting in the afternoon, which was silent.

Twelfth Month 13th.—At our own meeting. My mind had been gathering into silence and dwelling upon this injunction of Scripture: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and

turn to the Lord, who will have mercy upon him, and to our God, who will abundantly pardon." After a time I arose, bringing this declaration of Scripture to view, it seeming to me it might be encouraging to some who had strayed far and wide from their Heavenly Father's house, whom He was now graciously disposed to look down upon with an eye of pity and tender compassion, drawing near unto them. If they would seek Him and call upon Him while He is near, He would, in his love, draw near unto them and have mercy upon them. Thus a door was open for them, into which they might enter and go in and out, finding pasture. The exercise lay heavily upon me that all such might return, repent and live, etc. The exercise then became more general, bringing to view the great and high profession we are making to the world and one another, the importance of living in accordance therewith. The subject was plainly and clearly set forth, the Gospel message flowing freely, even to my humble admiration. I left the meeting, *which was solemn*, with the reward of sweet peace. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

First-day, Twelfth Month 20th.—Clarkson Sheppard was at our meeting this morning and spoke in close harmony with what was said last First-day, the thirteenth instant, which was a strength and comfort to me. He brought matters and things closely and clearly to our view, pressing the terms of our salvation upon us.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 26th.—Attended the funeral of our cousin, William Cooper Lippincott, of Marlton, New Jersey, which was large, and a mixed company. The way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed amongst them, to the peace of my own mind, and I was told it was a comfort and strength to others. I went home with Charles Darnell, who



resides in Mount Holly. Made some calls in the evening, to good satisfaction.

First-day morning, Twelfth Month 27th.—Charles Darnel kindly took me to Easton Meeting, which is small. Yet I believed there were a few well concerned, rightly exercised Friends among them. But some others were in a dull, drowsy state of mind. The testimony proclaimed amongst them was plain, close and clear, pressing upon them the importance of living up to the great and high profession we are making. There was some tenderness apparent, but I feared most of the seed fell upon stony ground. My spirit was clothed with sadness, but I felt that I had done what I could. Dined with Hannah Wilkins and sister, then called upon Elizabeth Engle, who seems far gone in consumption. She was encouraged to draw near to and put her trust and confidence in the Lord alone. Trust we were all the better for being together. From thence to Susan Ballinger's, who has four daughters and three sons at home, all grown up. Such a family we do not often see. They live in much love and harmony, all disposed to be good, exemplary Friends. We sat down together in the evening, which proved to be a solid, solemn opportunity, for which, I trust, we were all thankful. Stacy, one of the sons, took me to the station on Second-day morning and I returned home.

Sixth-day, First Month 1st, 1886.—Attended the funeral of cousin Alfred Hillman, near Haddonfield, New Jersey, which was very large, and a good, solid, solemn occasion. I soon arose with these words of our Holy Redeemer: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matter flowed freely, and many hearts were tendered. Allusion was made to the consistent

life and conversation of the deceased, and it was believed that, through Divine love and mercy, he had been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace. Made a few calls in Haddonfield, to good satisfaction, and returned home in the evening, feeling that I might have been in my right place.

Seventh-day, First Month 9th.—Attended the funeral of William Bettle, a member of our meeting. It being a very stormy day, the gathering was not large, but it was a solemn, satisfactory opportunity. Several testimonies were borne to the goodness and mercy of our Father in heaven, and the consistent walk and conversation of our beloved Friend, especially of latter time, was touchingly alluded to, to the tendering and softening of our hearts in love, after which I felt truly peaceful.

First-day, First Month 10th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was much larger than was expected, because of the great snow storm the day before. It is very encouraging to see the young people come to this meeting in such a becoming manner and so attentive to what is said. Hannah Arnot appeared in supplication to very good satisfaction, after which I brought to view the importance of silent worship, or worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth, for God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc., to the peace of my own mind, and all praise belongs to our Father in heaven.

Second-day, Second Month 1st.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held, the forepart of which was very trying to many Friends, because of a number of appearances in the way of ministry which did not seem called for. After a time of suffering, some life sprung up, and two or three testimonies were borne, which had a good and settling effect upon the

meeting, and some of our hearts were tendered in Gospel love. The business of the meeting was performed to pretty good satisfaction.

Third-day, Second Month 9th.—Attended Concord Quarterly Meeting, held at Media for the first time, which was large. Clarkson Sheppard broke the silence of the meeting with a few words, which had a settling effect upon those present. Several others spoke to good satisfaction, and I also spoke to my own relief and to the satisfaction and comfort of many Friends, as I was told afterward, which was humbling to my spirit. I went to the meeting in great poverty of spirit. The business of the meeting was performed in an orderly, commendable manner. It did seem that our Heavenly Father condescended to our low estate, enabling us to perform the services required at our hands to his own praise, as we humbly trust, for truly his mercies do endure forever.

Third-day, Second Month 23rd.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting, which was thought to be a time of favor. The silence or feeling that was spread over us was to me very precious. Joseph S. Elkinton broke the silence and spoke at some length. Clarkson Sheppard followed in a strong, clear testimony, touching upon several important points of doctrine. Elizabeth C. Dunn then appeared with a few good remarks, after which I addressed the discouraged, poor, stripped and tried little ones, etc. Phebe A. Elkinton then appeared in supplication. Many hearts appeared tendered, and it seemed to me good and heartfelt impressions had been made upon some of the dear young people, and they were encouraged to ponder in their hearts from season to season what they had heard and felt this day.

Second-day, Second Month 8th.—Attended the funeral of

cousin Elizabeth Eastlack, at Haddonfield, N. J. The company was not large, but there was a very solemn, precious covering spread over us, which I felt thankful for. There were two or three short communications on being prepared for such an hour, having the day's work keeping pace with the day, ever remembering the night cometh wherein no man can work.

First-day, Third Month 4th.—Went up to Isaac Roberts', near Spring Mill, who, with his wife, took me to Plymouth Meeting, which is very small. A feeling of weakness and discouragement came over me, so that I began to think that I was out of my place, and yet I felt that I was not there in my own will. A number of Scripture declarations came before the view of my mind, some of which pressed upon my spirit, but no command was given to stand upon my feet, and I began to feel that the meeting might be a silent one as far as I was concerned. But our Heavenly Father knows what is best for his humble little ones, and in his own time He raised me up to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ Jesus our Holy Redeemer. The meeting was very solemn, and toward the close I felt to bow in humble supplication to our Father in heaven that He would be pleased to quicken us by his Holy Spirit, etc. Our hearts were softened and our spirits were contrited and humbled before the Lord, to whom, as we trust, thanksgiving and praise ascended. Made a pleasant call with Ann Jones, and returned home in the evening with a thankful and peaceful mind.

Third-day, Third Month 30th.—Attended Woodbury Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, which was composed of eight men beside myself, and about as many women. No man present under forty years of age, or child of any age, in the men's meeting for business. It seemed very discour-

aging for a time, but we thought the promise of our Holy Redeemer, when He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them," was truly fulfilled in our experience. It was to some of us a precious, good meeting; much tenderness was manifested on the part of several. The Gospel flowed freely to this little company, and I trust we were all the better for waiting on the Lord, and putting our whole trust and confidence in Him. Made several calls, and among others, on John Parrish, whose wife was a corpse in the house. He and his daughter Lizzie feel their loss very much. They were encouraged to live near the Lord and He would sustain them, even in trouble.

First-day morning, Fourth Month 4th.—Our meeting was attended by a large number of young people, and some who were strangers among us. I thought I never felt more desirous of remaining silent than on this occasion. Perhaps, two short communications having taken place, felt that might suffice. But the Lord's ways are not as our ways, and I felt constrained, as I trust, in the love of the Gospel of Christ, to proclaim the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to those who were present, both older and younger. The Gospel flowed clearly and freely, to my humble admiration, and I trust, to the praise, glory and honor of our Heavenly Father. Bless and praise the Lord, O my soul!

Third-day, Fourth Month 6th.—Attended the funeral of William H. Pile, not a member, but had for many years printed *The Friend* paper, a very honest and upright man in his dealings. He died and was buried in just about one week after he was taken sick; and was insensible most, if not all of the time. Some of us felt much on account of this sudden bereavement. The company at the house was

large, and a minister of some denomination officiated, as their manner is, and as to words, perhaps not objectionable. After the company at large were informed the services were over, except the widow and family desired to have a quiet sitting; and they desired Joseph Walton, Joseph S. Elkinton, George J. Scattergood and myself to sit with them. After considering the subject, we concluded to do so. It proved to be a solemn and satisfactory opportunity, Joseph S. Elkinton, Joseph Walton and myself taking part in the vocal exercise. The spirituality of the religion ushered into the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely brought to view and pressed upon the hearers present, and matter ran pretty plain; much tenderness was manifested on the part of some. We heard afterward our company and services were truly acceptable and satisfactory.

Sixth-day, Fourth Month 9th.—Visited a German woman who was very sick. She could not understand English, but her daughter interpreted what I felt to say to her. She expressed much satisfaction and thankfulness, saying it was a great comfort to have a Friend sit beside her, etc. Her daughter had joined Friends several years since. Her mother was very much opposed to it, they being Catholics, but is entirely reconciled now, and likes Friends to sit beside her, as she is nearing her final close. I was well satisfied in making this little visit.

First-day morning, Fourth Month 11th.—At our own meeting a supplication and a testimony by different Friends took place. It for some time was a very trying meeting to me, but toward the close some matter gathered upon my mind, which I felt to communicate, but deferred too long and the meeting closed, and I had to carry a heavy burthen away with me.

Third-day, Fourth Month 13th.—We had the company

of Elwood Dean, from Ohio, and Joseph S. Elkinton at our meeting to-day. Both spoke to good satisfaction.

Elwood Dean, whose home was in Morgan County, Ohio, paid more than one visit within our borders. In 1881, he visited many of the meetings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. In his ministry he was remarkable for the clearness with which he unfolded his subject, often repeating important passages and pointing out their bearing and force; and his communications were accompanied with a large measure of that Divine unction which is the crown of Gospel ministry; so that he was very acceptable as a minister. He frequently brought to view the testimony respecting Christ contained in the first chapter of John: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." "That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

While clearly expressing the spiritual nature of true religion, he also enforced the necessity of forgiveness of past sins and transgressions by the mercy of God, which is extended through Jesus Christ his Son.

In the Fifth Month of 1881, he attended a meeting held in the Hicksite meeting-house at Reading, Pa. He referred to the experience of the Apostle Paul, who was met with while journeying to Damascus; and being obedient to the heavenly vision, was commissioned to preach the faith which once he destroyed. The holy Spirit of Jesus, which converted him, is the power which must change all those who are brought out of darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. It shows us our lost and sinful condition; it awakens the cry, "What wouldst thou have me to do?" it leads to true repentance and forsaking of sin; gives power to obey its requirements, and enables us to obtain remission of sins that are past, through Christ's offering on Calvary. Then, we must obey the command of our Saviour, to watch and pray, lest we be led again into sin.

This communication was thought to be admirably adapted

to an audience not thoroughly convinced of the doctrine of the atonement. There was nothing to imply a want of faith in any of the hearers in this fundamental doctrine; but it was brought forward naturally and fittingly as a part of the work of the soul's salvation.

During this same visit a meeting was held in the old stone meeting-house at Maiden Creek. Elwood Dean quoted at considerable length the experience of Solomon, who provided for himself all outward enjoyments that the mind could suggest; he withheld not himself from any good that his heart desired. Yet, in the end, he acknowledged that it was all vanity and vexation of spirit. There is no solid, substantial happiness to be found outside of religion; and religion is a source of peace and joy to those who come under its influence.

This meeting drew from some who were present, and who were not members of our Society, the statement that it was a day which they would remember as long as they lived.

He died on the seventh of Sixth Month, 1890, at his residence in Chesterfield, Ohio, aged about seventy-four. About sixteen months before his decease, he was prostrated by an attack of paralysis, and continued in a weak, suffering and declining situation during the remainder of his life. This he bore with great patience and resignation, although it was aggravated by the fears with which he was assailed, that after all his long service in the cause of Christ, he might finally fail to obtain the great object of his life. Through all, he manifested an unabated interest in the welfare and preservation of our beloved Society. And we doubt not he is now forever at rest, and partaking of that stream of life which issues from the throne of God.

Seventh-day, Fourth Month 17th.—Philadelphia Select Yearly Meeting was held this day, to our satisfaction and comfort. Elwood Dean, from Ohio, Edward K. Hobson, from Kansas, and some others were with us. The covering which was spread over us at seasons was truly very precious, and for which favor living praises were raised in some of our hearts to our Father who is in Heaven.



The Yearly Meeting at large opened on Second-day morning, Fourth Month 19th, under a feeling of great solemnity. Two or three Friends spoke of the importance of keeping near our Divine Lord and Master, who would, if given heed unto, direct our steps and condescend to be with us in our several sittings, which, we thankfully acknowledge, was experienced by us. The different subjects claiming the attention, from sitting to sitting, of the Yearly Meeting, were acted upon and disposed of in much love and harmony, which was encouraging to many of us. The presence of our Holy Redeemer was felt to be with us, I believe, in every sitting. The meeting closed on Sixth-day, the twenty-third of Fourth Month, under a fresh sense of the goodness, mercy, love and almighty power of our Heavenly Father, to whom, with his beloved Son, belongs all praise, glory, honor, salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth and even for ever! Amen.

First-day, Fourth Month 25th, was my seventy-eighth birthday, and I was raised up in our meeting to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to my humble admiration, to the peace of my own mind and the comfort of others, as I was told afterwards.

First-day, Fifth Month 2nd.—Attended meeting in West Philadelphia, in which I was silent. Elwood Dean had good service.

Second-day, Fifth Month 10th.—Went up to Crosswicks, N. J., in order to attend the funeral of Howard Middleton, aged thirty-eight years. It was large, and thought to be a solemn opportunity, many young Friends and others being present, who were affectionately invited to come and see for themselves that the Lord is good, and yield themselves up to his holy will; they were admonished, warned and encouraged. Elizabeth C. Dunn, Deborah Rhoads, Rachel

B. Price, Edward Sharpless and myself, took part in the vocal exercise, which seemed to take hold of the minds of the people, and if nourished and cherished will, I think, bring forth fruit. I lodged at Joseph Middleton's, and attended the funeral of Wilson Parry this day, Fifth Month 11th, a member of the same meeting, and who died very suddenly, in his seventy-second year. His was also a very solemn occasion. Elizabeth C. Dunn was very acceptable in testimony and supplication. My way was clearly opened to preach the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to the peace of my own mind. All praise is due to our Father in Heaven.

Second-day, Fifth Month 24th.—Attended the funeral of Elizabeth K., wife of Joseph B. Cooper, of Camden, N. J., to good satisfaction. There were several communications from Richard Esterbrook and others. She was a member of Newton Particular and Haddonfield Monthly Meeting of Friends.

First-day, Sixth Month 6th.—Feeling a religious exercise and concern for the few Friends at Woodbury, New Jersey, I attended their meeting in much weakness, and under a deep sense of my own inability to do any good thing of myself. The life of religion being very low, caused deep searching of heart, lest the feeling of love and sympathy for them might take the place of true Gospel ministry, of which I was very jealous. But by keeping patient and low before the Lord, in his own time He raised me up to proclaim amongst the people the word of encouragement to the rightly exercised; and to endeavor to stir up the lukewarm and those who are living in a state of ease and unconcern in relation to the salvation of their immortal souls, etc. After taking my seat, the spirit of prayer seemed raised in my heart, and I bowed the knee before the Lord,

I trust, in humble prostration of soul, craving that our Heavenly Father would be pleased to condescend to our low estate, even to the touching of our hearts as with a live coal from off the altar; and that He would be pleased to enable us to offer unto Him true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc. Made several calls in the afternoon, among others on Benjamin J. Lord, who is very poorly and does not attend meeting. This call was truly a great comfort to me, and we parted, as I believe, in the love of the Gospel of Christ, our ever-blessed and holy Redeemer. My soul did praise the Lord our God for his goodness, mercy and love to me this day. Bow very low before him, O my soul!

Sixth Month 13th.—Attended meeting in Haddonfield, New Jersey, which was larger than I expected; quite a number of young people. A fear rested with me that many of those present were too much at ease, trusting too much in a name to live, and yet being dead in trespasses and sins. I felt much love for them, and a living desire was raised in my heart for their spiritual welfare and growth in the ever-blessed Truth as it is in Jesus. The Gospel flowed freely, and the way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed amongst them. Earnestly desiring them to be willing to go into a self examination in order that they might be enabled to see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether their day's work was keeping pace with the day, and endeavor to be faithful even in what might appear little things. For it was by being faithful in the little that we were made rulers over more, etc. After which I supplicated our Father in Heaven that He would be pleased to humble our every heart and contrite our spirits before Him, drawing us nearer and nearer unto himself, and one to another, etc., that we

might be prepared, as with the heart of one man, to offer unto Him thanksgiving and praise, who, with his beloved Son, Christ Jesus our Holy Redeemer, was worthy, worthy, worthy, of all glory, honor, salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth and for ever and ever. Amen. The meeting was very solemn, and much tenderness manifested, and friends were very kind. I dined at our cousin, Joshua Hillman's, whose sister Martha is an invalid. Made several calls to good satisfaction, and returned home in the evening with a peaceful mind. All praise to the Lord alone.

Many and varied are the baptisms which I am passing through; so there are times when a fear takes hold of my mind that I shall faint and give out by the way, if not fall altogether, because of things over which I have no control. Under such feelings as these, I went over and attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, feeling I never could open my mouth in meeting again.

First-day, Seventh Month 4th.—After taking my seat in the meeting, I became calm and quiet. The testimony of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well, in relation to worshipping the Father in Spirit and in Truth, was so pressed upon my spirit, that I felt it right for me to bring the whole text to view, with comments upon it. My soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy to me this day. It was a solid, good meeting, and Friends testified that it was so.

Third-day, Seventh Month 6th.—I attended the funeral of Mary J. Jackson, not a member of our Society, but a granddaughter is a member of our meeting; and I felt to go and sit with the family and friends, who were very kind to me. After the minister concluded his service, an opportunity was given for me to give expression to what might be resting upon my mind. The solemnity of the occasion

was pretty largely alluded to, and the importance of a preparation for such a change, etc. Then the goodness, mercy, loving kindness and Almighty power of God was brought to view, in providing a way for the redemption and salvation of the soul of man, and that by sending his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever might believe in or on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, etc., the Gospel flowing freely, and the people very quiet and solemn. The minister came and spoke to me and said, "I am very glad and thankful indeed that you were here," and others said the same. I was glad I gave up to attend to that which seemed called for at my hands. But all of the Lord's tender mercies.

In the afternoon I called on Elva Cope, wife of Nathan, who seems very low. She suffers much, but is patient and quiet, desiring her Heavenly Father will forgive all her sins, and says she is willing to give up her family and pass away at any time when it is his will; but the way does not look so bright as she would like to see it. Some Scripture promises were brought to her view, with other things which seemed to be a strength and comfort to her. It proved to be a very satisfactory opportunity.

First-day, Seventh Month 11th.—I attended the meeting at Downingtown, Pa., which is of pretty good size; quite a goodly number of young people, whose deportment and attention to what was said was very commendable. Lydia T. King broke the silence of the meeting very acceptably. After a time of solemn silence I brought to view the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in his outward as well as spiritual appearance, his teaching us by his Holy Spirit in the secret of the heart, which some of them were not strangers to, but I feared they were too much disposed to turn aside therefrom, and too much disposed to put off to

a more convenient season, reasoning perhaps on this wise, when I get this, that and the other accomplished I shall be the better prepared to take up the cross, deny myself, and follow my Divine Lord and Master. They were informed this was dangerous reasoning for older or younger to indulge in; the present time only is ours, we know not what a day may bring forth. My heart yearned toward and over these dear young people, endeavoring to persuade them to open their hearts and let the King of Glory come in, etc. I was on my feet for some time, the meeting very solemn. William U. Ditzler said a few words concerning what had been said, and then under much feeling upon the bended knee, I felt to acknowledge the goodness, mercy and loving kindness of our Father in Heaven to us this day, poor and unworthy as we are. How solemn it was, and under this feeling the meeting closed, with our hearts filled with love to God and our fellow men. My peace flowed as a river, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness.

Sixth-day, Seventh Month 16th.—I left the city for Pennsville, near Muncy, Pa., and arrived at Edward Marshall's about seven o'clock in the evening, where I was kindly cared for by all the members of the family. Made some pleasant calls on Friends on Seventh-day.

First-day, the eighteenth of the Month, attended meeting in Pennsville, which was large for the place. Way opened to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, in a clear, though it might have been in a close manner, tendering our hearts and uniting our spirits together in love. Near the close of the meeting I thought I felt constrained to offer thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven for all his sure and tender mercies unto us, poor and unworthy as we are, etc. Friends were very kind and seemed tendered. Dined with Mary Mendenhall and children, who were encouraged to

be faithful in the discharge of all their religious duties, etc. Took tea at Thomas Warner's very pleasantly. Then back to E. Marshall's.

Second-day, dined at Henry Ecroyd's, after which, in company with Ira Parker, wife and daughter, with good horses and carriage, we drove to Ira's factory, in the mountains, a quiet resting place about ten or eleven miles from Pennsville, where we spent the night very comfortably indeed.

Third-day morning we started about seven o'clock for Elklands, having near twenty miles to drive over very rough roads and high mountains on either side. The nearest Friend's house was John Brown's, where we arrived about eleven o'clock. After which we went to Theodore Hess' to lodge. In the evening had a religious opportunity in the family to good satisfaction. Several children were present.

Next morning, Seventh Month 21st, we went to Monthly Meeting, held at the Elklands, which was large and a highly favored opportunity. The way of life and salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them, and I trust to the comfort and edification of us all. After which I humbly bent the knee before Him who is the Author of all true ministry and prayer, and to whom belongeth all praise, glory, honor, salvation and high renown, not only now, but henceforth and forever. Amen. Friends were very glad to see me amongst them again, and as kind as they could be for my comfort. After meeting, went home with George Schill, wife and daughter, who cared for me very nicely. Next morning George took me to see several Friends, where some religious service took place. It is a privilege to mingle with these dear Friends.

Lodged at Job McCarty's who took me to Eaglesmere on Sixth-day, Seventh Month 23rd.

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 24th.—Took stage for the nearest railroad point, over very rough roads, six miles. Then took the cars at nine o'clock and eight minutes for home, where I arrived safely about six-thirty o'clock, finding my dear daughter much more poorly than when I left home; but in relation to my visit, I felt thankful, quiet and peaceful. Praise thou the Lord, O my soul!

Second-day, Eighth Month 2nd.—Our Quarterly Meeting was small, but was thought to be a time of favor. Our friend, Samuel F. Balderston, spoke nearly one hour, setting forth Gospel truths in a full, clear and satisfactory manner. It is said he had not spoken in the Quarterly Meeting for more than twenty-five years, though often in his own meeting, which made it more remarkable. Others spoke also, and the minds of some Friends seemed tendered.

Third-day, Eighth Month 3rd.—Attended the funeral of John Trimble, of Concord, which was very large. It appeared to be a solemn time to many. There were several communications. He was a Friend highly esteemed, and a useful member in society and in his neighborhood, where he will be much missed.

Elva Cope, whom I called to see Seventh Month 6th, died Eighth Month 3rd, in a peaceful state of mind, being sensible till very near the close, taking an affectionate leave of her family, saying, "Grieve not for me, I am so happy," etc. I had a little opportunity with the family on Fourth-day, fourth of Eighth Month. She was buried at West Chester, on Fifth-day, the fifth of Eighth Month.

First-day, Eighth Month 8th.—Attended meeting in West Philadelphia, which proved to be a highly favored season. The covering which was spread over us was truly precious. A word of comfort and cheer was raised in my heart for those who were hungering and thirsting after



righteousness, according to the promise of our Holy Redeemer, "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," etc.

Ninth Month 6th.—I have omitted attending some of our meetings on account of the illness of our dear daughter Alice, whose sufferings have been great for six weeks or more. She bears all with Christian patience and submission to the Divine will. She says her Heavenly Father is very near, and all is bright and clear before her.

Fourth-day, Tenth Month 27th.—Attended the funeral of Phebe Bartlett at Tuckerton, N. J., a very consistent and esteemed member of Little Egg Harbor Monthly and Particular Meeting of Friends. It was a time of favor.

First-day, Tenth Month 31st.—After a silence of several weeks in our own meeting, my mouth was opened this day, with a searching testimony. The declaration of our Holy Redeemer was brought to view when He said, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." And if we would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we must know something of the quickening influences of the holy Spirit upon our hearts, remembering the flesh profiteth nothing, etc. It was all important that we keep humble and low before the Lord under a deep sense of our own inability to do any good thing of ourselves, for it is the spirit that quickeneth, etc. The meeting was very quiet and solemn, and my spirit was humbled under a sense of my own unworthiness and the love and mercy of my Heavenly Father to me this day.

First-day, Eleventh Mo. 7th.—At our own meeting several short communications; after which my way was opened to revive the petition or the appeal of the Psalmist when he said to the Most High, "What is man that thou art mindful

of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him?" It had seemed to me we might add, "What are we that the Lord is not only mindful of us, but that He continues not only to visit but revisit us by his Holy Spirit in the secret of our hearts," and I craved that some of us in an especial manner, might give heed thereto. But it seemed to me there was a disposition on the part of some to turn away therefrom, until it might be withdrawn from them, and they left to grope their way as in the dark, and to live as without God in the world. How important then is it that we close in with these Divine and Heavenly visitations, while they are extended unto us in the love and mercy of our Father in Heaven, etc.

Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 12th.—Attended the funeral of Archelaus R. Pharo, in Tuckerton, N. J., who died very suddenly. He was clerk of the Monthly Meeting and a useful citizen in various ways. It was a solemn occasion. I felt deep sympathy for the dear children and near relatives. The children had been devoted to their parents, the mother having deceased about a year before. I felt to encourage them to draw near to their Heavenly Father and He would sustain them, etc. They were in a tender state of mind, and seemed a little comforted with what they had heard.

Eleventh Month 13th, went up to Barnegat, made several calls on Friends, and attended meeting there on First-day, the 14th, which was large, and a highly favored season in testimony and supplication. Much feeling and tenderness was manifested by many, and my own spirit was contrited before the Lord, under a deep and fresh sense of his love and mercy unto us this day. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed among the people, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And living praises

were offered to the Father of all our sure mercies. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 25th. Attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting. Phebe W. Roberts, Mary Ann Smith, David Heston, Rachel B. Price, with myself, took part in the vocal exercises, which were very harmonious. The dear young people were tenderly exhorted to be faithful to manifested duty, and thus become prepared to take the places of those who had been and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards. The covering which was spread over us was indeed very precious.

Twelfth Month 1st.—Attended the funeral of Henry W. Wills, a member and elder of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting at Medford, N. J., aged eighty-one years. His sickness was short, about eight days, and he was insensible nearly all the time from the first, did not speak at all. The funeral was large and solemn. There were several short communications. The children were feelingly addressed, and much sympathy felt and expressed for them.

Fifth-day, Twelfth Month 9th.—Attended the funeral of Annie C. Brown, a first cousin's daughter, in Camden, N. J., the only child. It was a great affliction to her parents. They were not members of our Society. I was glad I gave up to be with them.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 11th.—Went up to Easton, N. J., to attend the funeral of Sarah A., wife of Ezra Engle. Met in Friend's meeting-house, which was nearly full. She died very suddenly, and many Friends and relatives manifested their feelings and tender sympathy by their presence. The occasion was a very solemn one. No one in the station of a minister was present but myself. The way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst almost all kinds of

people. The bereaved and near relatives and friends were deeply felt for and sympathized with, to the tendering and comfort of their spirits, as they told me afterward. I desired the impressions which had been made might be nourished and kept alive, and the sore bereavement be sanctified to us all for good. Thanksgiving and praise were offered to our Father in Heaven for his mercy, goodness and love unto us this day. Blessed forever be his holy Name!

After an interview with several of the members of the bereaved family at the house, I went home with our friend, David Darnell, and attended the small meeting at Mount Laurel, First-day, Twelfth Month 12th. Though small, it proved to be a good, solid and satisfactory meeting, the Gospel flowing freely for the encouragement of the rightly exercised but much discouraged ones, who deeply feel the religious responsibility which is resting upon them, etc.

Dined with Lydia and Amy Borton. Then called to see Mary Moore, who seems to be nearing the grave, but very trustful and calm. It was good to be with her. Then to Mark Buzby's to tea and lodge; nicely cared for. Home Second-day morning, with a thankful and peaceful mind.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 18th.—Attended the funeral of Richard Buzby, near Rancocas, New Jersey, which was large and a solemn opportunity. The bereaved family were comforted and exhorted to draw near to our Father in heaven, casting all their burdens and cares upon Him who still careth for them. The lukewarm and unconcerned were desired to go into a self-examination, in order that they might see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world whether their day's work was keeping pace with the day, yea or nay, which brought much deep feeling amongst us. Mary Moore was buried this day also, but we could not be at both places. It rained

all day, but I was glad I gave up to go to the house of mourning, and my Divine Lord and Master was very good to me. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name.

Sixth-day, First Month 14th, 1887.—Attended the funeral of Sarah C. Gaskill, of Camden, New Jersey, an elder of Haddonfield Monthly and Newton Particular Meeting.

Second-day, First Month 17th.—Attended the funeral of Phebe E., wife of William B. Cooper, of Camden, New Jersey, a member of Haddonfield Monthly and Newton Particular Meeting. Both of these dear Friends will be much missed in and out of meetings. I desire it may please our Heavenly Father to raise others up to take the places of dear departed ones who have recently been removed from works to rewards in several neighborhoods.

First-day, First Month 23d.—Went over to Camden and called on William B. Cooper, who took me to meeting at Newton. He seemed to bear up under his bereavement beyond my expectation. It appeared Samuel Morris was expected at meeting, and some invitation had been given, and the meeting was larger than usual. Samuel spoke at some length, in rather a doctrinal testimony, after which my way opened to bring to view that full and clear invitation of our Holy Redeemer when He said: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest," etc., to the end of the text. It had seemed to me there were those present who felt that they were heavily laden, and a word of encouragement went forth toward these, I apprehend, in Gospel love, and to the relief and peace of my own mind and to the comfort of others, as I was told afterward. I left, home under much discouragement, but was glad I attended to this little apprehension of religious duty. Attended our own meeting in the afternoon. Dined with William B. Cooper.

Fourth-day, First Month 26th.—Attended the funeral at the house, of Ruth Anna Coats, formerly Buzby, on Sixth Street, near Vine. A mixed company gathered together, but it seemed to me what was said was well adapted to the solemn occasion. I was well satisfied that I gave up to that which seemed required at my hands. Truly we are sometimes led in paths that we have not known. Our Heavenly Father knows what is best for his humble, dedicated, trusting children.

Fifth-day, First Month 27th.—Attended the funeral of Beulah Barton, at Newton Meeting House, Camden, N. J. She was a sister of Elizabeth Evans, wife of the late William Evans. Many Friends and others were present, and it seemed to me a very solemn covering was spread over us. The very many that have been removed from works to rewards, of latter time, should be the means of stirring us up to more faithfulness and dedication of heart in serving our Divine Lord and Master in all He may require at our hands. Preserve me, O Lord, as in the hollow of thy Divine and holy hand.

## CHAPTER XIV.

ATTENDS CALN QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF THOMAS RUDOLPH, OF MARY G. PENNELL—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE B. TAYLOR, OF ELWOOD EASTLACK, THE MEETING AT WOODBURY, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1887, THE MEETING NEAR CHESTER, PA., THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES J. ALLEN—NOTICE OF HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF MARY W. WOOLMAN, HIS OWN MEETING, CROPWELL MEETING, ETC., THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM BIDDLE, OF FRANCES MARIA COWPERTHWAIT, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA—VISIT TO PLAINFIELD, N. J.—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM R. WILLS, OF CHARLES A. CLEMENT, OF SARAH WILKINS, OF MARTHA H. ALLEN, OF MARY H. PENNELL, THE MEETING IN MEDIA, PA.—VISIT TO ATLANTIC CITY—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF HIS DAUGHTER, ALICE R. STOKES—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF LIVINGSTON HAINES, THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J., THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE FUNERAL OF ANNA T. HANCOCK—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE ARCH STREET MEETING-HOUSE, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1888, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE BY THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1888 TO VISIT SUBORDINATE MEETINGS, ETC.—VISIT TO BARNEGAT, N. J.—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF EDITH S. DARNELL, THE FUNERAL OF KEZIAH JONES—VISIT TO ATLANTIC CITY—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM TAYLOR—VISITS MEETINGS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF

MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF MATILDA ELLISON—VISIT TO BEACH HAVEN, N. J.—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY IN A BEREAVED FAMILY—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF BENJAMIN J. LORD.

Sixth-day, Second Month 18th, 1887.—Attended Caln Quarterly Meeting. The roads being in a bad condition and very wet, the meeting was perhaps smaller than usual. It seemed to me to be a low time, so far as spiritual life was concerned. We sat a long time in silence and it seemed to me that some of the members really felt their weak and low condition. After a time light seemed to spring up, and I arose with "However trying, however discouraging or however humiliating it may be to our natural wills or inclinations, I believe it is good for us to be brought to realize the truth of the declaration of our Holy Redeemer when He said: "Without me ye can do nothing," for I believed it was as true to-day as it was in that day when it emanated from his holy lips, and some of us had felt it to be so on the present occasion. And when we were brought humble and low before the Lord, under a deep sense of our entire inability to do any good thing of ourselves and to feel our entire dependence upon the Lord alone for every good and perfect gift (for they all come from Him, whether spiritual or temporal), then He would arise for our help. He would in his time give us to partake of the waters of life freely, etc. The business of the meeting was hurried through without much comment. I felt rather sad because of the need of more religious weight and exercise for the welfare of our Zion. May it please our Heavenly Father to arouse some of us from a state of ease and lukewarmness to a state of religious exercise and concern not only for ourselves, but



for the welfare of the church. I was kindly cared for by Elhanan Zook and his pleasant family.

Second-day, Second Month 21st.—Attended the funeral of Thomas Rudolph, at the Southwestern Burying Ground. I called on this dear Friend some two months since, found him in a tender state of mind and under much religious exercise, and it did seem to me the Lord was carrying on his own work in him by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. He endeavored to dwell very low and keep very near to his Divine Lord and Master during the few remaining days which were allotted him, and it was believed that, by and through redeeming love and mercy, he was permitted to enter into everlasting rest and peace. There was a large and mixed company present, among whom it was thought were skeptics and unbelievers, to whom the way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed, to the relief and peace of my own mind, the Gospel flowing freely. Truly, the Lord was with us this day.

Third-day, Third Month 8th.—Attended the funeral, at the Southwestern Burying Ground, of Mary G. Pennell, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Fogg, and sister-in-law to Thomas Rudolph, who was buried about two weeks since, causing much deep feeling and heartfelt sorrow in the two families. It was felt to be a time of great solemnity, and the Gospel was largely proclaimed to the relatives and others, by Samuel F. Balderston, Joseph Scattergood and myself, bringing to view the uncertainty of life and the importance of a preparation for death, etc. This dear Friend had attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Thomas Rudolph, in apparently good health, was taken sick some days after, and died after six days' illness. How true it is, we know not what a day may bring forth. We did feel that it was good for us to be there and to praise

the Lord for his goodness and mercy to us this day. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name.

First-day, Third Month 13th.—At our meeting this morning Samuel F. Balderston spoke at some length in a very earnest manner upon the importance of a preparation for a never-ending eternity and enlarged upon the goodness, mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father in providing a way for the redemption and salvation of the soul of man, etc., after which I felt constrained, as I believed, to bow the knee in humble prostration before our Heavenly Father and to acknowledge his mercy, goodness and loving kindness unto us this day in condescending to be with us on this solemn occasion. “And, oh, holy Father, be Thou pleased to humble our every heart, to contrite our spirits before Thee, under a deep sense of our inability to do any good thing as of ourselves, etc.” The meeting was very solemn, and my soul did praise the Lord, for it was all of his mercy.

Fifth-day, Third Month 24th.—Attended the funeral of George B. Taylor, a member of our meeting. He died very suddenly and unexpectedly to his family and friends. It made a very great impression on many minds, to the tendering and softening of their hearts. Several testimonies were borne to his consistent life and conversation. It was felt to be a season of great solemnity. Truly we know not what a day may bring forth. May it be the means of stirring us all up to more faithfulness in the discharge of all our religious duties and obligations is the fervent desire of my heart.

Sixth-day, Third Month 25th.—Attended the funeral of Elwood Eastlack, from Haddonfield Meeting-house, N. J. It was not large, but thought to be a solemn, favored season. Deborah Rhoads was very acceptable indeed in

appropriate testimony. I stood upon my feet in great weakness, but seemed to grow stronger and stronger, until Truth seemed to rise into some dominion. Much tenderness was apparent among those present, and my very soul did praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness unto us this day.

First-day, Fourth Month 3rd. — Attended Woodbury Meeting, N. J. Generally a very small meeting, but several strangers and the members mostly being present, it was much larger than usual. I felt very poor and weak, but I was raised up to proclaim the Gospel, encouraging the rightly exercised, I trust, to their comfort and strength, endeavoring to stir up those who seem to be at ease or in a state of lukewarmness, craving that we might be willing to examine ourselves and see whether our day's work was keeping pace with the day. All within me seemed to be alive and concerned for the spiritual welfare and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus, for all those present, after which I felt constrained to petition to our Father in Heaven that He would be pleased to enable those who met in that place to offer unto Him true, living and spiritual worship, which only was acceptable in his holy sight, etc. My peace did flow as a river, and my spirit did praise and glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

First-day, Fourth Month 10th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia. It was thought to be a time of favor. The Divine presence was felt to be in our midst in the silent part of the meeting, and the Gospel was preached with power, to the humbling of some of our hearts. To me it was a precious, good meeting. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven.

The Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held Fourth Month 16th, and the general Yearly Meeting, held Fourth Month 18th to the 22nd of the same, inclusive, were seasons

of much Divine favor. Closing Minute was as follows: "Having transacted the business which has come before us, in much harmony and under a sense that it is the Lord's work, with a feeling of love and desire for each other's welfare, the meeting concludes, to meet at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will."

First-day, Fifth Month 1st. — Attended meeting at Chester, or Waterville. It was larger than I supposed it would be. An interesting company of middle-aged and young people, as well as some older Friends were present. We soon settled into silence and a precious covering was spread over us, to the tendering of some of our hearts. It did seem that Divine goodness was very near, even in our midst. I much feared to break the silence of such a solemn feeling, but thought the time had fully come for me to hand forth a word of encouragement to the hungering and thirsting little ones and those who sometimes felt faint and weary, ready to give out by the way. But it was believed that the Lord was watching over and caring for them, even when they felt poor and needy, and as they kept humble and low before Him, He would in his own time give them to partake of that bread which comes down from God, out of Heaven, and which can alone nourish up the soul unto eternal life. Others were exhorted to more faithfulness in the performance of all their religious duties, submitting their wills to the Divine will, giving heed to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in their own hearts, that they might become fitted and prepared by the hand of the Lord to take the places of those who had been, and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards. I felt to acknowledge upon the bended knee the mercy, goodness and love of our Heavenly Father unto us this day, poor and unworthy

as we were. All praise, glory and honor belong unto God and his beloved Son, both now and forever. Amen.

Sixth-day, Fifth Month 13th.—Attended the funeral of Charles J. Allen, a beloved member and elder of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. Several testimonies were borne to his upright, humble walk in life. The large company present gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Charles J. Allen was a man of unusually blameless life and a useful member of our religious Society, in which he filled various important offices. As a member of the West-town Boarding School Committee, his labors were especially abundant and valuable. To its interests he ungrudgingly devoted time and labor. About the sixty-fifth year of his age his health failed. During the period of declining strength he manifested much patience and humility. Near his end he remarked: "The Lord has been very good to me in many ways," and quoted the text, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

First-day, Fifth Month 15th.—The meeting in West Philadelphia this morning was solemn. Sophia Jones and Charles J. Allen, members of my division of the Committee, both removed from works to rewards since Fourth Month, 10th, which caused me to feel much. Some allusion was made to their removal in the meeting, the places which had known them would know them no more forever, etc. My feelings were tendered and a deep feeling was manifested by quite a number.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 21st.—Attended the funeral of Mary W. Woolman, one of our consistent young women, and Principal of Friends' Select School. Very many young people were present. We met in our meeting-house, and it was thought to be a very favored and solemn opportunity.

Many hearts were tendered ; and I trust some impressions that were made upon some minds will not be lost.

First-day, Fifth Month 22nd.—Our meeting was not large, but to me very solemn and instructive. It seemed to me there were rightly exercised, hungering and thirsty souls, but discouraged ones, present, who were encouraged to believe that the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his ; and He knoweth their trials, discouragements, afflictions and sore bereavements, watching over and caring for them even when they know it not. Blessed be the name of our Father in Heaven !

Our dear daughter Alice is still in a suffering condition, and yet cheerful and pleasant, resigned to her situation, and if it was her Heavenly Father's will, would be glad to be released ; but says she must wait her Heavenly Father's time, which is the best and right time.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 4th.—Went to my cousin, Ezra Stokes', at Berlin, N. J. Attended Cropwell Meeting on First-day, the fifth. The meeting is small, but there are some well-concerned, rightly-exercised Friends members of it. After a long silence, I was raised up to preach the Gospel of Christ, our Holy Redeemer, in a manner very unexpected to myself, under a feeling, as I thought, of good authority from the Head of the Church. After which, I felt to bow the knee in humble supplication to our Father in Heaven ; craving that He would be pleased to be very near to those who met in that place for the purpose of Divine worship, enabling them to offer unto Him true living and spiritual worship, which only was acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc. Dined with Amos Evans and wife, and had a little religious service. Then went to Micajah Gardener's, who had buried a son, grown up to man-

hood, a few days before; he, his wife, and remaining children, all grown up, feeling their sore bereavement very deeply indeed. We had an opportunity with most of them, to the tendering of our spirits, pouring a little oil and wine into the wounded feelings of the dear, bereaved ones; desiring that the great bereavement might be sanctified to every one of us for good, etc. It was a tendering opportunity. Then returned to my cousin's, with a heart full of love and praise to my Heavenly Father for his mercy and goodness to us this day. My cousin being with me, who with his dear family, were very kind to me; returned home Second-day morning.

Sixth-day, Sixth Month 10th.—A large gathering of Friends and others at our meeting-house, Sixth and Noble Streets, on the occasion of the interment of our friend, William Biddle, a prominent Friend in various ways. There were several testimonies in relation to his correct deportment in life and conversation. It was a solemn and impressive occasion.

Sixth Month 15th.—Attended the funeral of my cousin, Francis Maria, wife of John Cowperthwaite, in the seventy-third year of her age. They lived near Medford, N. J. The company was very large and very quiet, made up of various religious denominations, and others. Salvation by Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them, to my humble admiration. Many hearts were tendered, strong men seemed broken in contrition, and much deep feeling prevailed among older and younger. The husband and children seemed almost overwhelmed. She was a woman highly esteemed, attended our meetings and was consistent in her deportment, but not a member. The bereaved stricken ones were encouraged to put their whole trust and confi-

dence in the Lord, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

First-day, Sixth Month 19th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was not so large as some times, a number of Friends being away from home. There was much speaking and two supplications. I am often jealous of the much said in that meeting, lest it does not tend to the edification of those present. I thought there was an evidence of this on the present occasion. More care on the part of some of us, who stand in the station of ministers, might be profitable.

Sixth-day, Seventh Month 15th.—Went up to Plainfield to spend a few days with my friend, Richard Esterbrook, and his kind family. Attended meeting there on First-day, Seventh Month 17th, which is very small, and the weather extremely warm; yet, we were favored with a good, solid meeting, feeling our spiritual strength to be renewed and our faith increased in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom all praise belongs. Returned home Third-day eve, Seventh Month 20th, feeling better for the visit.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 20th.—Attended the funeral of William R. Wills, at Rancocas, New Jersey, which was very large and very solemn, or so it seemed to me. Many persons present, not members of our religious Society. The way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, our Holy Redeemer, was largely proclaimed amongst them, to the relief and peace of my own mind. Elizabeth R. Evans, William U. Ditzler and Joseph Scattergood spoke afterwards. All the exercises were very harmonious. To me it was a solemn opportunity. I hope some good and tendering impressions were made. The upright and honest-hearted were encouraged to hold on their way, trusting in the Lord Jehovah, in whom there is ever-



lasting strength. We met in Friends' meeting-house, so that all who wished to hear had the opportunity.

Second-day, Eighth Month 15th.—Attended the funeral of Charles A. Clement. Met in Friends' meeting at Had-donfield; many Friends and others were present, and it was thought to be a quiet, solemn and interesting opportunity. Charles and Deborah Rhoads and myself were engaged in short testimonies, mostly for the strength and encouragement of the widow, children and other near relatives. Many hearts were touched and tendered, and some of us thought it was good to be there. The widow and children are to be felt for and sympathized with. Poverty of spirit has been my portion for several days; almost ready to conclude I should never rise again above the waves and billows, which seemed ready to swallow me up. In this state, almost amounting to depression, and void of any feeling of good, on Second-day, Eighth Month 22nd, I went over to Easton, N. J., to attend the funeral of Sarah Wilkins. We met in the meeting-house, a pretty large company being present. After passing through much deep mental exercise, I was raised up to preach the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in a manner wonderful to myself. All praise, glory and honor belong to Him who continues to be with his people, and who is pleased at times to cast down, and who is pleased in his own time to raise up for purposes of his own glory. Notwithstanding this Divine favor, I was soon brought to a state of poverty of spirit, and could say "my soul was sorrowful even unto death." Thus I went mourning on my way, craving that my Heavenly Father would not leave nor forsake me.

Sixth-day, Ninth Month 2nd.—Went over to Medford, New Jersey, in order to attend the funeral of Martha H.

Allen, a member of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting, in good esteem. A very large company gathered together at her son Joseph's, where she had her home. No one in the station of a minister was present, except myself, which brought me under much feeling; desiring I might be preserved on the right hand as well as on the left. The solemnity of the occasion was brought to view. The near relatives were encouraged to draw near to the Lord in spirit, that they might experience the everlasting arms to be underneath, strengthening and supporting them in this great and sore bereavement, etc. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed to all present. That there was no other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, but by the name of Jesus, was largely dwelt upon.

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 3rd.—Attended the funeral of Mary H. Pennell, in West Philadelphia, a member of Twelfth Street Meeting. Several communications at the house, all tending to the belief that she was safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace. At the grave, a word of comfort and encouragement sprang up in my heart for the near relatives. "Let not your heart be troubled," etc., was brought to view, with a desire that they might draw near to our Father who is in Heaven, etc.

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 10th.—Went to Media. John W. Biddle, meeting me at the station, took me to his house to tea. Thomas Elkinton called for me, and I lodged at his house and attended meeting First-day morning, which they said was larger than some other times. Friends and others gathered very quietly, and most of them very near the time. I felt my own nothingness and weakness, but by keeping humble and low before the Lord, after a time I was raised upon my feet with these words: "Wait on the

Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord." From this I was led along and way opened to preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus our holy Redeemer. Clarkson Sheppard spoke and alluded to what had been said, and urged Friends to give heed to it, in a very earnest manner. My soul did praise the Lord for the extension of his love, goodness and power. Dined with John W. Biddle and took tea with Clarkson Sheppard and daughters. All these visits were very interesting and satisfactory to me. I left home under much feeling and discouragement. On returning home in the evening I felt calm and peaceful, trusting the day had not been improperly spent. My friends manifested much kindness toward me, which, I trust was fully and humbly appreciated.

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 17th.—Went down to Atlantic City, N. J. Was very kindly cared for by Elton B. Gifford and family. Attended meeting there on First-day, the 18th instant, which was very well attended. Soon after taking our seats there was to me a precious covering spread over us and a religious exercise and travail of soul was felt to be amongst us. After much exercise I felt it best for me to stand upon my feet with these words: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; of whom," said the Apostle, "I am chief," etc., bringing into view his outward miracles and testimonies pretty largely; then his spiritual appearance in the heart. The teaching by his Holy Spirit was brought under consideration, etc. It was thought to be a solid, favored opportunity, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy to me this day. Made several calls in the afternoon and evening, to good satisfaction, returning home Second-day morning, feeling calm and peaceful.

First-day, Ninth Month 25th.—We have had five silent meetings in succession. I do not remember such being the case at any former time. No doubt there was a cause for it. It may have been good for the ministers as well as the people.

I have several times spoken of the continued sickness of our beloved daughter, Alice R. Stokes, which caused me much heartfelt anxiety, and often pain, to behold her great suffering and unable to alleviate it, many times going mourning and sorrowing on my way. For more than fifteen months, thirteen of which she was confined to her chair, she had passed through great bodily suffering, which she bore with much patience and resignation, frequently saying, "It is all right. We must leave all to Him who sees the end from the beginning." Frequent were her petitions to her Heavenly Father for patience and strength to bear all that might be permitted to come upon her. She was sensible to the last and said to her father just before she passed away: "Weep not for me; weep not for me," and thus quietly and easily passed, as we reverently believe, into the sweet rest which remaineth for the people of God. (See obituary notice in the sixty-first volume of *The Friend*, page 104, 1887.) Died Tenth Month 14th, 1887. She was a faithful and dutiful, as well as a loving, conscientious daughter. I miss her so much, but I am comforted in the belief that she is at rest, and hence released from all pain and suffering. She was buried in the Southwestern ground, Second-day, Tenth Month 17th, 1887. A large company of relatives and friends met at the house of her father, to pay the last tribute of respect to her who was beloved by all who knew her.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 15th.—Attended the funeral of Livingston Haines, in Camden, N. J. He was not a

member of our religious Society, but an attender of our meetings, a cousin of mine, and, as far as I know, a correct, upright man. I went under much discouragement, expecting it might be a very mixed company, and so it proved. After taking our seats a very solemn feeling spread over us, and Richard Esterbrook had, as it seemed to me, a very suitable testimony, delivered in a kind, feeling manner, bringing to view the importance of being prepared for such an event, etc. Livingston died in a few minutes, without any sickness. After which I had a sympathetic testimony for the near relatives, which seemed to produce much feeling. Then, more generally to those present, to be engaged in the all important work of the soul's salvation, etc. I felt that I had been in my right place and that our Heavenly Father had condescended to our low estate.

Eleventh Month 24th.—Attended Western Select Quarterly Meeting. Elizabeth Allen and myself had some vocal service, which appeared to be well received, and we all felt a little cheered on our way Zionward. Robert L. Walter, who was with me, took me to our aged and beloved friend, Morris Cope's, to dine and lodge. The evening was very pleasantly spent together and in a manner that I thought was to our edification and comfort. So we felt it was good to be there.

Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 25th.—The general Quarterly Meeting was held. Perhaps some of the much speaking might have been spared, in which I took some part. The meeting held long, after which we dined very pleasantly with our friend, Emily Pusey, and then to West Grove to Clarkson Moore's to lodge, who, with his dear wife, made us very comfortable, she being a sister of R. L. Walter.

Seventh-day, the 26th, made several calls upon Friends, after which we took tea, and I lodged at Mary Pharo's,

who was very kind and made me very comfortable indeed, and took me to New Garden Meeting on First-day, Eleventh Month 27th. Henry T. Outland, from North Carolina, and David Heston, from Frankford, Pa., were both present and said much, and I added somewhat, to the peace of my own mind. After meeting dined with James Maloney and wife, she being a friend of mine for many years. We were glad of the opportunity of mingling together for a little time, then called on a Friend, a member of our Monthly Meeting, and who expressed much satisfaction with the little visit, which was a comfort to me, then home with Robert L. Walter, who has his home with John Balderston, who married his niece, and who, with Robert, were very kind to me.

Second-day morning the 28th.—Robert took me to the station, and I soon arrived home safely and now feel that I have much to be thankful for. Friends were very kind and did all they could for my comfort; and, more than this, my Heavenly Father condescended to my low estate and enabled me to preach the Gospel of Christ our Holy Redeemer, to the edification and comfort of many beloved Friends. Blessed forever be the name of our Father in Heaven.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 3rd.—Went over to or near Medford, New Jersey. Lodged at Benjamin Wilkins', where I was made very comfortable.

First-day morning, Twelfth Month 4th.—Went with them to meeting, which was a good, solemn meeting, the Gospel flowing pretty freely and to the relief and peace of my own mind. When I was a lad it was a large and an interesting meeting, composed of many valuable Friends. Job and Elizabeth Collins, Josiah and Elizabeth Reeve and others might be mentioned. I felt sad to see the vacant seats and the little prospect of their being filled. I made several

calls upon my friends, to my own satisfaction. Returned home on Second-day morning, Twelfth Month 5th.

First-day, First Month 15th, 1888.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was silent on my part. Some others spoke, and it seemed to me it was a good meeting, and I felt the better for being there. For the last few weeks I have been in very low places, and have felt that I could adopt the language of the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me; cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me, restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit." Preserve me, O Lord, as in the hollow of thy holy hand, that I turn not to the right or left, but keep mine eye single unto thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

First Month 20th.—Attended the funeral of Anna T. Hancock, a member of our meeting, who was taken to Mansfield, N. J., for interment. We met in the meeting-house, a large mixed company being present. I was in much weakness and fear, but was raised up to preach the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. A deep feeling spread over the meeting, and close attention was given to what was said, and some tenderness manifested. It was felt to be a favored opportunity, and I was glad I gave up to the little intimation of duty, that it would be right for me to be at the interment, and our Heavenly Father in his mercy condescended to be with us. Anna was of a meek and quiet spirit, and I trust has been safely gathered into one of those mansions prepared for the righteous of all generations. I am made renewedly sensible of my many weaknesses and shortcomings, and of myself can do nothing.

First-day, First Month 22nd. — After two short com-

munications in our meeting, and after much exercise and fear, I felt constrained to rise on my feet with these words: If we would grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we must be willing to come under his crucifying, baptizing power and cross; willing to become as the clay in the hand of the potter, willing to be fashioned and formed into just such vessels as our Heavenly Father would have us be, etc. One thing after another opened to my spiritual eye, so that I was upon my feet for some time. The meeting was very solemn, and my spiritual strength renewed, and my faith in the goodness, mercy and Almighty power of our Father who is in Heaven. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name! Much poverty of spirit is my portion of latter time.

Second-day, Second Month 6th, was our Quarterly Meeting, which was large. Some forward spirits took up much time, which was trying to the rightly exercised. A little quiet taking place, I felt it right for me to rise upon my feet with, "It is as I believe, an unspeakable mercy and favor in the midst of our trials and discouragements, to be enabled practically to believe that the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And He will strengthen and uphold them in the hour of trial and temptation. That my spirit had been drawn into near and tender sympathy with some exercised, travailing souls, who I believed were present, and who were often brought very low before the Lord under a sense of their own nothingness and inability to do any good thing of themselves; but it seemed to me there was a word of encouragement given me for such, as they continued to hunger and thirst after righteousness, the Lord would, in the riches of his love and mercy arise for their help," etc., at some length, greatly to the relief and peace of my own mind,



and to the comfort of many Friends. Richard Esterbrook took up the same subject, to the edification of the rightly exercised. The meeting for business was a long, trying one, for want of keeping near to that which will guide and direct us aright, if given proper heed to. It held about three hours, making the meeting about five hours long.

Fourth-day evening, Second Month 15th.—We held a public meeting in the house at Fourth and Arch Streets. There were several testimonies and supplications, mostly to good satisfaction. It was thought to be a time of favor.

Very soon after the last date, (Second Month 19th), I fell on the pavement and hurt my right arm and hand so that I could not write for some weeks; but I was diligent in the attendance of our meetings and in West Philadelphia, and one at Atlantic City, N. J. In most of these I was raised up to speak a word of comfort and cheer to the faint and weary traveller Zionward, to the peace of my own mind, and to their strength and encouragement, as a number testified. But poverty of spirit was largely my experience from time to time, so that I could cry out, O my leanness, my leanness!

Our Select and general Yearly Meetings (Fourth Month 16th), were largely attended, and thought to be seasons of Divine favor, and it was my feeling that our Heavenly Father did condescend, in the riches of his love and mercy, to be in our midst, tendering our hearts, and contriting our spirits before Him, drawing us near unto himself and one unto another. The business of the meeting was transacted in much harmony and love; yet I thought I never felt smaller and of less account than on this interesting occasion. The prayer of my heart often is, O Lord, preserve me as in the very hollow of thy holy hand, that I turn not to the

right or left hand, or bring reproach upon thy blessed and holy cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth.

Fifth Month 5th.—Our Select Quarterly Meeting was held this day to good satisfaction, several from other meetings being present, whose company and services were very acceptable, *viz*: Eliza H. Varney, from Canada, Edward Sharpless, Thomas P. Cope, Germantown.

Fifth Month 7th.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held this day. Several of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present, whose company and services were very satisfactory to many Friends. The longer I live, the more important it seems to me it is, that we should be careful to keep self down in our communications in meetings for Divine worship. The business of the meeting was performed in an orderly manner. A committee was appointed to join with the Yearly Meeting's Committee, of which I was one.

At Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1888, a lively exercise was felt on account of the declining condition of some of the meetings. After the Queries and answers had been disposed of, it was proposed to embody the concern of the meeting in a Minute, to be sent to the subordinate meetings and members. Others thought that, in addition to such a Minute, a committee should be appointed to visit meetings and families. The subject was referred for further consideration to a committee, who subsequently produced an essay of a Minute, which was adopted, and the names of Friends to act as a visiting committee. Their suggestions were very fully united with, the feelings of Friends became much enlisted in the concern, and a solemn and tender covering spread over the meeting, so that it was eminently a time of Divine favor.

The committee was authorized "to visit subordinate meetings and families, co-operate with committees of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in such work, and appoint public meetings." The Women's Yearly Meeting appointed a corresponding committee. As was done in 1882, sub-

committees were set apart to visit each of the Quarterly Meetings.

The most striking feature in the labors of this committee was the extension of its concern to those outside of our Society, in addition to those within our own borders. More than one hundred public meetings were held, largely for this class. At a meeting of the committee held Twelfth Month 22nd, report was made these meetings were mostly to good satisfaction, there having been an evidence that the Head of the Church had owned them with his presence.

The committee was released in 1890. In their final report they say: "In visiting among the families of our members, we have been deeply pained by observing in some of them a departure from the self-denial inculcated by our Saviour, evidenced by the presence of musical instruments in their houses. We believe the practice of music has its root in a worldly spirit, and that under its beguiling influence the mind is often led away from that attention to the voice of Christ in the soul, and those aspirations after communion with Him, which constitute its highest happiness."

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 19th.—I went down to Barnegat, N. J. Called on most, if not all, the Friends in the vicinity. Attended meeting there on First-day, the twentieth, which was large, the house being about full of solid-looking people. On taking my seat, I felt poor and weak, but seeing one after another coming in, my feelings were stirred within me, and it seemed to me our Heavenly Father did condescend to overshadow us with his Divine love and presence. And after a time of deep exercise and travail of soul, I was raised up to preach the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration, and to the tendering of many of our hearts. After which, I felt constrained to bow the knee in humble supplication to the Father of all our sure mercies, and to thank Him for his goodness and

love unto us this day, etc. My heart seemed filled with the love of God toward the people. Such was the solemnity and feeling spread over us, that when the meeting broke there was no one moved for quite a little space of time. It is not common in this day to see so much tenderness and love manifested as on this occasion. My very soul did praise the Lord for his goodness. Returned home Second-day evening with a peaceful mind.

Fourth-day, Fifth Month 23rd.—Attended the funeral of Edith S., wife of John E. Darnell, a member of Evesham Meeting, N. J. A large company met at the house, and a precious feeling spread over us. Richard Esterbrook spoke, Joseph S. Elkinton followed, I followed him, and Joseph Scattergood appeared in supplication. Several other ministers were present, but were silent. It was thought to be a very satisfactory opportunity.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 2nd.—Attended the funeral of my cousin, Keziah Jones. It was thought to be a solemn and interesting occasion. Edward Sharpless appeared in testimony and supplication to good satisfaction and comfort. I felt and expressed a desire that the bereaved members of the family might be stirred up even to the doubling of their diligence in making their calling and election sure, before they too were called upon to bid a final farewell to all that was near and dear to them in this life, and appear before the judgment seat of Christ, there to be judged of the deeds done in the body, whether they were good or evil, etc. A very solemn covering was spread over us. Returned to Camden in the afternoon, and went down to Atlantic City in company with Richard Esterbrook, and we tarried with our kind friend, Elton B. Gifford and family. Attended meeting there, First-day, Sixth Month 3rd, a part of which was very trying, on account of a woman Friend,

not in the station of a minister, speaking very long, which seemed to me without life or power. After which, Richard Esterbrook spoke in a lively manner, setting forth the doctrines and testimonies of the religious Society of Friends in a clear, interesting manner, to the comfort of many of us. I felt and expressed a few words for the encouragement of the hungry and thirsty ones, for it seemed to me there were such present. Though the meeting held long, it closed under a precious feeling, for which favor our hearts did rejoice in the Lord. Several times of late at our own meeting, my mind has been brought into great poverty of spirit, and stripped of all good, so that drowsiness came over me almost beyond my ability to resist; and in such a manner that I became uneasy about myself, for I seemed to have no strength of my own, nor any ability to ask it of my Heavenly Father. So there seemed no other way but to wait and suffer on until my spiritual strength was renewed by Him who has all power in Heaven and earth; which, in my Heavenly Father's good time, was my experience. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

On the tenth of Sixth Month, at our own meeting on First-day morning, I was raised up to preach the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in a manner that was marvellous in my own eyes; bringing largely to view his outward as well as his spiritual and inward appearance in our hearts, and his teaching us there by his Holy Spirit. And what the good effects of this Divine and holy teaching would be if given heed to and followed. It would teach us to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross and follow Christ in the way He would have us go. It would teach us to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. This is the religion which would enable us to become preachers of righteous-

ness, by consistent lives and conversation, as we pass up and down among the children of men. It would enable us to become as a city set upon a hill, which cannot be hid. This is the religion that would enable us to say, great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints. And this is the religion that will enable us to say, in all sincerity of heart, even when surrounded by trial, discouragement, affliction and sore bereavement: Not my will, but thine, O God, be done! The Gospel flowed freely, and my Divine Master was near, and helped me to preach the preaching He bid me, and I trust to his praise, which all belongs to Him. Blessed for ever be his great and holy Name! The meeting was very quiet, and closed under a very solemn covering. Several strangers were present.

Third-day, Sixth Month 26th.—Went over to Plainfield, New Jersey, in order to attend the funeral of William Taylor, which was large and solemn. Elizabeth C. Dunn and Richard Esterbrook spoke, and I also added some, but a fear arose in my mind that I might have been mistaken as to time and matter. It does require great care lest we run without being sent, which I have no desire to do.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 11th.—I went up to Millville, Penna. Lodged at Isaac Heacock's very comfortably. Attended Greenwood Meeting on Fifth-day the twelfth instant, which was large for the place. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed amongst them.

Sixth-day the 13th, rode up to Muncy or Pennsville. Lodged at Ira Parker's, and was kindly cared for by him and his dear wife.

Seventh-day, the 14th of Seventh Month, was spent in calling upon friends to our mutual comfort.

First-day, Seventh Month 15th.—Attended meeting,

which proved to be a highly favored season in testimony and supplication to the praise, glory and honor of our Father in Heaven. Made some calls on friends, feeling that it was good for us to mingle together in Gospel fellowship.

Second-day, Seventh Month 16th.—In company with Ira and Rachel Parker, William Parker and his wife Julia, we rode to Ira Parker's woollen factory, about twelve miles from Muncy, a wild and romantic place, surrounded by high hills or mountains on all sides but just the roadway, where we lodged very nicely, and, after breakfast, Third-day morning the 17th, made an early start and rode to John Brown's to dinner, about eighteen miles. We enjoyed the ride and scenery very much. In the afternoon some of us went to Henry Brackman's to tea, then back to John Brown's to lodge.

Fourth-day morning, Seventh Month 18th.—We attended the Monthly Meeting held at the Elklands, which was large. Rebecca Masters, Rachel Maris, Joseph Walton and Joseph Elkinton were members of the Yearly or Quarterly Meeting's Committee with myself. We sat a long time in silence, which at length I broke, I trust, in a clear, sound and persuasive testimony, to the tendering of many hearts and peace of my own mind. Rebecca Masters addressed the parents and children. Joseph S. Elkinton quoted a text of Scripture. It was felt to be a good, solid meeting. Dined at George Schill's, then to Joseph McCarty's to tea, where we had a religious opportunity, to our mutual comfort. Then to Abel McCarty's to lodge, and had a religious opportunity in his family, as we had in John Brown's and some others.

Fifth-day morning, Seventh Month 19th.—Went to Theodore Hess' to dine and had a religious opportunity to the

tendering of our hearts, after which we rode back to the factory to lodge, and on Sixth-day morning the 20th, returned to Pennsville, without a mishap of any kind, with our hearts filled with love to our Heavenly Father for all his mercies and goodness unto us, poor and unworthy as we are. Made some calls in the afternoon, to good satisfaction.

Seventh-day morning, Seventh Month 21st.—I took leave of my dear friends, Ira J. Parker and his dear wife Rachel, with others, with much feeling, Ira taking me to Muncy Station, where I took the cars and, after a pleasant ride, arrived home about half-past seven o'clock, with a feeling of thankfulness to my Heavenly Father, who had been with and helped me.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 18th.—Yesterday morning, Eighth Month 17th, Matilda Ellison, aged about thirty-five years, a member of our meeting, was run over and instantly killed upon a railroad not very far from German-town. It was thought necessary to bury her to-day, and the remains were taken to our meeting-house at ten o'clock. The notice being short, not very many beside the near relatives were present. There was a very solemn covering spread over us. Edward Sharpless, Joseph Scattergood, William U. Ditzler and I spoke, and Anna Cook, an aunt appeared in supplication. It was truly sad and sorrowful. How true it is, we know not what a day may bring forth.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 25th.—Under much deep feeling I went down to Beach Haven and was kindly cared for by my friends, Dr. Samuel Ashurst and wife, with Ella and Walter Pharo, children of the late Archelaus and Louisa Pharo, who were all very kind to me.

First-day, Eighth Month 26th.—There were quite a number of Friends, and more of others gathered into the meeting-house. My cousin, I. C. Stokes, appeared in a



solemn supplication. After a time I felt constrained to preach Christ and Him crucified, in his outward and in his spiritual appearance, to an interested company made up of various denominations, Bishop Nicholson and wife were present, and she told me she was glad they were there, as a number of others also. I went into the house, feeling destitute of all good, but my Divine Lord and Master condescended to my low estate and we were favored with a precious good meeting. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name. Returned home to-day, with a peaceful mind.

First-day, Ninth Month 2nd.—In our meeting this morning Samuel F. Balderston spoke very affectionately. In much weakness I rose upon my feet and spoke briefly upon the importance of endeavoring, in the ability vouchsafed unto us, to overcome our weaknesses, and bringing to our view the declaration, “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God,” etc. In the afternoon my friend, Elton B. Gifford and myself rode out beyond Roxborough, in order to see Anna Cook and Phebe Pharo, aunts of Matilda Ellison, who was recently killed on the railroad, also her sister, Mary Elizabeth Ellison, and two sons of Anna Cook. While we were glad to have the opportunity of mingling our feelings with theirs, the visit, to me, was sad. The sister seemed depressed and sorrowful. We had a little sitting together, which was solemn. Some promises recorded in the Scriptures of Truth were brought to view, with some comments upon them, for the support, strength and encouragement of those present, and a desire was felt and expressed that we might all be engaged in working out our soul’s salvation, for truly we know not what a day may bring forth, etc. While there may have been no great abounding, we

felt well satisfied with having made the visit, and trust the day was not misspent. And we did praise the Lord for his tender mercies towards us.

Fifth-day, Ninth Month 6th.—Attended the funeral of Benjamin J. Lord, at Friends' Meeting-house, Woodbury, N. J. Quite a large, mixed company present. A very solemn covering spread over us. Joseph S. Elkinton spoke at some length, mostly upon doctrines. After a time, I said the working out of the soul's salvation is an individual work, and dwelt upon the importance of being engaged in it, etc., then expressed sympathy for the bereaved, to the relief and peace of my own mind.

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## CHAPTER XV.

ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, SPRINGFIELD MEETING, THE MEETING AT SALEM, N. J., THE MEETING AT CHRISTIANA, PA., THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES WILLS, EASTON MEETING, THE MEETING AT POTTSTOWN, PA., THE FUNERAL OF HANNAH STACKHOUSE, NEWTON MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH C. LOWRY, OF HANNAH C. WILLIAMS, OF RACHEL E. WOOLMAN, HIS OWN MEETING, A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE TWELFTH STREET MEETING-HOUSE—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE ORANGE STREET MEETING-HOUSE, HIS OWN MEETING—VISITS THE EASTERN PENITENTIARY—ATTENDS A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MEETING-HOUSE AT SIXTH AND NOBLE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VISITS THE ALMSHOUSE IN WEST PHILADELPHIA—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF MARTHA N. STOKES, OF HANNAH B. BETTS—VISITS THE EASTERN PENITENTIARY—ATTENDS A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE ARCH STREET MEETING-HOUSE, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1889, CROPWELL MEETING, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, THE MEETING AT WOODBURY, THE FUNERAL OF JANE S.

TAYLOR, THE MEETING AT SALEM, N. J., THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA—VISITS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF AMOS RIDGWAY, OF MARTHA C. STOKES, EXETER MEETING—VISITS ON LONG ISLAND—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS EVESHAM MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF JOSEPH J. WALTON, OF JONATHAN COX, NEWTON MEETING, FUNERAL OF ROBERT PARKER, OF ELIZABETH WRIGHT, OF HANNAH W. ALLEN, OF MARMADUKE S. PANCOAST—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT MEDFORD, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF NATHANIEL B. STOKES, OF GEORGE STRONG, OF ABRAM ROGERS, OF MARK BALDERSTON, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING AT MAIDEN CREEK—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT POTTSTOWN, HIS OWN MEETING, THE MEETING AT WOODBURY—PASSES THROUGH DEEP CONFLICT OF SPIRIT—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS NEWTON MEETING, HIS OWN MEETING, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1890.

First-day, Ninth Month 16th, 1888.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, in which it seemed to me there was one or more whose faith was closely tried and deeply proven, ready to faint and give out by the way, and while the exercise might be applicable to myself, I felt constrained to bring to our view the declaration of the prophet, when he said, "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither fruit be in the vine, the labor of the olive shall fail, the field shall yield no meat, and the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stall, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." I made some comments upon it and some other texts of Scripture. The meeting was very solemn. All praise belongs to our Heavenly Father!

Seventh-day, Ninth Month 22nd.—I went out to Springfield, Delaware County, Pa. A great change has taken place since I was there about twenty years since. I was kindly cared for by William Parker and his wife.

First-day morning, the 23rd.—Attended meeting, which was large, many coming in who were not members, whose deportment was very satisfactory. Lydia T. King broke the silence with a few good words. After a time, in much weakness I arose upon my feet. The Gospel flowed freely, and the people were very attentive; the covering spread over us was truly precious. I stood for some time with Gospel love flowing toward those present, to my humble admiration. Near the close of the meeting, feeling the spirit of prayer raised in my heart, thanksgiving and praise were offered upon the bended knee to our Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy unto us this day, for unto Him belong all glory, honor, salvation and high renown. Returned to my comfortable home with a peaceful mind. Friends were very kind. Made a call on a Friend in the afternoon to good satisfaction. Then returned home to tea. Some Friends came and spent the evening with us. Before retiring a chapter was read from the Bible. After a time of silence the dear Friends were encouraged to be faithful in the little, in order that they might be made rulers over more, etc., to my own peace, and I trust to the comfort of others. Returned home Second-day morning, feeling well satisfied in having given up to what seemed to me to be a little duty resting upon me. Silent in our own meetings for some weeks, under a sense of my own weaknesses.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 7th.—Went down to Salem, N. J., to see my friend, Achsah Reeve. Attended their meeting on First-day, Tenth Month 8th, which is quite small, but larger that day than usual, and a very solemn

feeling spread over us. After a time my mind was brought into near and tender sympathy with some who I believed were in that little company; and it seemed best for me to give expression to my feelings. Matter flowing freely, I was on my feet for some time, to the tendering of some of those who were present; after which I felt constrained to offer the tribute of thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for his goodness and tender mercies unto us this day. And I said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless and praise his holy Name."

Dined with William Carpenter and wife, much to my comfort; then called on Ruth S. Abbott, who had buried her husband, George Abbott, the Second-day previous. She seemed calm and resigned; though his sickness was very short, she bore up in a wonderful manner. I think we both felt better for the privilege of mingling with each other, our hearts being tendered, and we bound together, in the love and fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

Returned to William Carpenter's to tea; then to Achsah Reeve's to lodge. After reading a chapter before retiring, we had a little sitting, I think to our mutual comfort and strength. Returned home Second-day morning with a peaceful mind.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 12th.—One year this day since my beloved daughter Alice passed away from works to rewards, and I still miss her so much, but trust she is at rest, and I am left a little longer. I do earnestly desire to be prepared for the final change.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 13th.—In company with my niece, Hettie Moore, I went up to Christiana, Lancaster County, Pa. William Moore met us at the station and

took us out to his house, about four miles, where we were all kindly cared for.

First-day morning, Tenth Month 14th.—We all went to meeting at Christiana, which is a small one, but others coming in, it was quite large to-day. I felt very poor and stripped, but keeping humble and low, after a time my Divine Lord and Master raised me up to preach the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration, and I trust to the comfort and strength of some at least who were present. Several appeared to be tendered. One man I noticed, seemed touched; after meeting I felt to go and speak to him. He was so tendered and broken he did not say much. Before the meeting closed I felt constrained to bow in humble prostration before the Lord, under a deep sense of his mercy and goodness unto us this day, and craved that He, in the riches of his love and mercy, would be pleased to be with the little company who met in that place for the purpose of Divine worship, and enable them to offer unto God true, living and spiritual worship, which only is acceptable in his Divine and holy sight, etc. My soul did praise the Lord for the extension of his love and mercy unto us, poor and unworthy as we are. After meeting, William Moore took us to William Jacobs' to dine, after which we had a little religious opportunity. Toward evening William Jacobs took me to Walker Moore's to tea, after which he and I called at his son Paschall's, where we had a little opportunity, and the young people were encouraged to faithfulness in all their religious duties. Returned to Walker Moore's to lodge.

Second-day morning, Tenth Month 15th.—After breakfast we sat in silence for a time, when my mind was brought into tender sympathy with Walker and his daughter, and

they were encouraged to put their whole trust and confidence in the Lord, etc. Feeling peaceful, we went to the station. While waiting for the train, the man I had spoken to the day before came near and said he wished to speak to me. He said, "You touched and tendered my feelings yesterday; you spoke the truth, and when you said, we should not defer to a more convenient season, but now was the accepted time, now is the day of salvation, etc., you broke me down, for I knew I was deferring." The interview was a solemn, touching one, and we parted, I trust, in the love and fellowship of Christ, at least on my part. He was so tendered he could say no more, so pressing my hand, he left me. We soon took the train and arrived home safely, under a renewed sense that the Lord's tender mercies do endure forever.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 27th.—A very rainy day, but went up to Rancocas, N. J., in order to attend the funeral of Charles Wills, long a friend of ours. Notwithstanding it was so wet there was a large company at the meeting-house, to whom the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed. It was felt to be a quiet, solemn opportunity, and my soul did praise the Lord. Went to Uriah Borton's to lodge and was kindly cared for, and had a pleasant visit. Went with them to meeting on First-day morning, which is generally very small, but several coming in, it was larger than usual. After a long silence I was raised upon my feet with a word of encouragement and cheer to the rightly exercised, hungering, thirsting little ones. Then I endeavored to stir up the lukewarm and those that were at ease. The Gospel flowed freely and some of our hearts were tendered and touched with the love of our Heavenly Father.

Made some calls, at my friend, Hettie Haines', and had a nice visit with her and Hannah Williams, who was sick.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 10th. — I went over to Masonville, N. J., in the midst of heavy rain, where I was met by Ezra Engle, who took me to Susan Stiles', who has been confined to the house for several years. Four daughters and two sons at home, all grown up, and all very attentive to their mother, and very kind and affectionate to each other. We had a little religious opportunity together, which to me was very precious.

First-day morning, Eleventh Month 11th.—Three of the women and the two men, with myself, went to Easton Meeting, which is very small, but others coming in we had quite a large company, to whom the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed, after which thanksgiving and praise were offered up to our Father in Heaven for his mercy and goodness unto us this day. The meeting was very solemn, and a number of the strangers expressed much comfort and satisfaction. One man, who had never attended a Friends' meeting before, said much in favor of it. My soul did praise the Lord. Dined at Hannah Wilkins'; made some calls, and took tea and lodged at Ezra Engle's very pleasantly. Returned home Second-day morning, with a peaceful mind and thankful heart.

Eleventh Month 17th.—Went to Pottstown, Pa.; kindly cared for by Harriet and Mary Potts, daughters of the late Rebecca Potts, a very valuable Friend.

First-day morning, Eleventh Month 18th.—Called on Jane and Margaret Lee, who with their niece, Mary Lutz, were very kind. Jane is not always able to go out; the others and myself went to meeting, which is very small and weak. But the wing of ancient goodness seemed to be



spread over us, to my comfort and encouragement, and my spirit was drawn out in the love of the Gospel, toward those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for I believed there were such present, and so it proved after the meeting, which to me was very solemn. Thanksgiving and praise were offered up to our Father in Heaven. A man who was not a member took me aside and told me how the words spoken went to his heart, and he could say, it is truth, it is truth, for the witness is in my own heart, etc. And my soul did magnify and praise the name of the Lord our God!

Dined with our women Friends and had a little religious opportunity with them; called on my kind friends, Harriet and Mary Potts, soon after took a train and left Pottstown, with a feeling of love toward those with whom I had mingled, and with true peace in my own mind. But it is sad to see the lukewarmness and indifference of some of our members in relation to their souls' salvation; may they be aroused to a sense of the responsibility that is resting upon them as professors of the Christian name.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 1st.—Went over to Medford, N. J., in order to attend the funeral of my cousin Hannah Stackhouse, which was large. Our friend, Edward Sharpless, spoke at some length, and I added somewhat. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed to a mixed company of people, who were very attentive and quiet.

First-day, Twelfth Month 2nd.—In company with Richard Esterbrook and wife I went to Newton Meeting, which to me was an interesting one. Quite a number of young persons were present, whose deportment was very comforting. They were encouraged to draw near to our Heavenly Father, and He would draw near unto them, and teach them

by his Holy Spirit in the secret of the heart, the way He would have them go, and as they yielded obedience to his Divine and Holy Will, they would grow strouger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might, etc. Richard Esterbrook spoke. It was thought to be a good meeting.

Twelfth Month 27th.—Attended the funeral of my beloved cousin, Elizabeth C. Lowry. Several testimonies to her worth were borne. It was thought to be a favored, solemn occasion. A short, lively testimony was borne at the grave, which had a touching, tendering effect upon all present.

Sixth-day, Twelfth Month 28th.—Went over to Rancocas, N. J., to attend the funeral of Hannah C. Williams, a long-standing friend of ours; Elizabeth R. Evans, Edward Sharpless and Joseph Scattergood and myself, took part in a harmonious vocal exercise. It was thought to be a solemn, favored season. She was a Friend of great integrity and uprightness. I stayed over in order to attend the funeral of Rachel E. Woolman, to be buried from Friends' meeting-house also, on Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 29th. Quite a large company gathered together in a very solemn manner. She was a meek, humble-spirited Friend, and a good example in the attendance of all her religious meetings. A belief was expressed that it was all well with her, by the mercy of God, through Christ Jesus. The way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed amongst those present.

Third-day, First Month 1st, 1889.—Joseph Scattergood was at our meeting, very acceptably in testimony and prayer. I added somewhat. We thought it was a good meeting.

Fourth-day evening there was a public meeting at the

Twelfth Street house, which was pretty largely attended, but was not very satisfactory.

First-day, First Month 13th.—In much weakness, I spoke in our own meeting upon the importance of our laboring after true and living faith, even day by day, even that faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart, etc.

Fifth-day eve, First Month 17th.—A public meeting was held in the meeting-house on Orange Street, which was pretty well attended. There were several communications and one supplication, but to me it was not a time of abounding.

Third-day, First Month 22nd, our Monthly Meeting was held; Thomas H. Whitson, a minister, and John Thomas, an elder, being present. Their company and services were satisfactory. The meeting for business was a very trying one to me. The answers to the Queries were very low and unsatisfactory. I mourned over our weaknesses.

First-day, First Month 27th.—Thomas H. Whitson spoke at some length in our meeting very acceptably. In the afternoon, Thomas H. Whitson, John Thomas, Thomas Woolman and myself, visited the State Penitentiary. We were told they had eleven hundred and fifty prisoners, which seemed sad to us. It was strange to speak to persons we could not see, but we had reason to believe they were very attentive to what was said, and were thankful for the visit; and we felt it was good for us to be there.

Fifth-day evening, First Month 31st.—We had a public meeting at our meeting-house at Sixth and Noble Streets, which was well attended, and was to pretty good satisfaction, though I am very jealous of the ministry, for it is a day of much preaching and praying. We need to bow very low before the Lord, under a deep sense of our own weaknesses and shortcomings.

Second Month 2nd.—Our Select Quarterly was held, but it seemed to me rather a low time in ministry and prayer. May we all be willing to wait until we are endued with power from on high before we attempt to speak in the name of the Lord.

First-day, Second Month 3rd.—In the afternoon, in company with Thomas H. Whitson and others, we went to the almshouse and had a meeting, with, perhaps, from two to three hundred of the inmates, to very good satisfaction. They were very quiet and attentive to what was said; and after meeting they seemed disposed to hold our hands, pressing us to come again, etc. It was sad to see such a large number who, from appearances, are entirely unable to support themselves. We felt humbled under a renewed sense of our Heavenly Father's mercy, goodness, love and power unto us this day, for all praise, glory and honor belong unto Him and his beloved Son.

Seventh-day, Second Month 16th.—Went over to Cropwell to attend the funeral of cousin Martha N., wife of cousin Ezra Stokes. Her death was very sudden. Quite a large company in the meeting-house. Deborah Rhoads and Samuel Emlen were all that spoke, and they briefly. The time was too short between the time fixed upon to meet and the time for the train to the city in the afternoon, which was very unsatisfactory. It seemed the service of the meeting was not finished, or as profitable as it might otherwise have been.

Second-day evening, Second Month 18th.—Quite a number of Friends and others met at 458 North Eighth Street, on account of the death of Hannah B., wife of Samuel Betts, who had been an invalid for several years, and came to the city to spend the winter, but died on the fifteenth of Second Month, and is to be buried from Buckingham

Meeting-house on the nineteenth of Second Month. It was thought to be a satisfactory opportunity.

Third-day, Second Month 19th.—I accompanied Samuel Betts to Buckingham Meeting-house, many persons being present, to whom the way of life and salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed, and who were remarkably attentive and quiet. Thanks-giving and praise were offered up to our Father in Heaven for his mercy and goodness unto us this day. After a solemn feeling and covering were spread over us, the body was removed to the graveyard near by, and we trust she has been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace. Samuel Betts's house had been closed all winter; but the neighbors opened it, and prepared a very nice dinner for twenty-five persons. Everything passed off very nicely; and I returned home in the evening, feeling thankful for the mercies received this day, and that it had been my privilege to have been there.

First-day, Second Month 24th.—In company with Thomas H. Whitson, John Thomas and Thomas Woolman, I visited the Eastern Penitentiary. We were in three corridors, in which considerable was said to the prisoners that seemed to me to be well adapted to their situation. Sad and sorrowful as it was, it seemed good for me to be there. Some of the prisoners seemed penitent, and hoped to become Christians. There was much openness and kindness manifested towards us by those who had the care of the institution.

Third Month 10th.—In the evening we had a large, satisfactory meeting in the Arch Street house. Samuel Morris, William Kite, Joseph S. Elkinton and Phebe A. Elkinton took part in the vocal exercises. It was thought to be a time of some favor.

First-day morning, Third Month 17th.—I attended the meeting in the house on Twelfth Street, which was large, and the wing of ancient goodness seemed to be spread over us, to the humbling of some of our spirits. Charles W. Thompson broke the silence of the meeting in a clear, plain testimony. After a time I also spoke. Soon after taking my seat, Annabella Winn appeared in a most touching, solemn, tendering supplication. It did my heart good, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy unto us. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting, some hearts being touched and tendered as in the presence of the Lord, to whom all praise is due.

Fourth Month 13th.—The Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders was held this Seventh-day. Most of the sitting was taken up in the consideration of the subject of our friend, Samuel Morris, laying a prospect before the meeting for paying a visit in Gospel love to the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin, and other religious service within their limits; and also to visit Friends in France, Germany, Denmark and Norway. Some hesitation was manifested, but after much exercise and deep travail of spirit, a committee was appointed to prepare a certificate, and very soon after, the meeting adjourned until Fourth-day afternoon next, at three o'clock.

The Yearly Meeting convened on Second-day, Fourth Month 15th, and continued its sittings from day to day, closing on Sixth-day, Fourth Month 19th. Various subjects claimed the attention of the meeting, which were disposed of in a commendable, harmonious manner, generally to good satisfaction. The meeting closing under a precious, solemn feeling and covering, and our hearts did praise the Lord for the extension of his tender love and mercy unto us, poor and unworthy as we are.

Fifth Month 11th.—Went over to Berlin, N. J., in order to make a visit to my cousin, Ezra Stokes, and family.

First-day morning, Fifth Month 12th.—We attended Cropwell Meeting. As we rode along in the midst of the beauties of nature, which were so pleasant, it seemed to me I never felt more stripped of all good, and it seemed to me almost presumptuous to go to meeting in such a state of mind; but I kept my exercises to myself, and went into meeting feeling poor and needy, with my mouth as it were in the dust, keeping humble and low before the Lord. After a time the wing of ancient goodness seemed to be spread over us, to our comfort. My exercises were deep and weighty, and I was raised up to speak to the state of the meeting and individuals, to my humble admiration and the tendering of some hearts, the words preached finding the witness for Truth in the minds of some present, as I was told afterward. These things did not elate me in the least, but I did praise my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy unto me this day. Then upon the bended knee, living praises, glory and honor were offered up to our Father in Heaven, and to his beloved Son, our Holy Redeemer, to whom belong thanksgiving and praise. We dined at Amos Evans', who with his wife was very kind to us; then returned to our cousin's, and in the evening had a religious opportunity, to the tendering of our hearts. Returned home Second-day morning, Fifth Month 13th, with the feeling of sweet peace, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 25th.—Went up to my cousin John W. Stokes', made them a little visit; then to Benjamin Wilkins', a pleasant family. After tea Benjamin and myself took a ride of five miles to see their married daughter and family, and had a pleasant call. Returned to Benjamin's to lodge.

First-day morning, Fifth Month 26th.—Attended their meeting in Medford, which keeps up for size much better than many other meetings.

Fourth-day, Sixth Month 12th.—Attended the marriage of Samuel Baker and Sarah L. Rudolph. Clarkson Shepard and others spoke. It was thought to be a good meeting. There was a very large, orderly company at the house of Sarah, in Woodbury, N. J.

Fifth-day, Sixth Month 13th.—Attended the funeral of Jane S. Taylor, a member of our meeting, in her eighty-fifth year. She often went about, doing good and helping others in a very unpretending manner, doing what she believed her Heavenly Father was requiring at her hands, and, we trust, has been, through Divine love and mercy, safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 15th.—Went down to Salem, New Jersey, to see our aged friend, Achsah S. Reeve, who is in her ninety-first year, and while she is very bright, her health and strength are weakening. We had a very pleasant visit together. Attended Salem Meeting First-day morning, the 16th, which is very small. Ruth S. Abbott broke the silence, in a clear testimony. I was on my feet for some time, pleading with the few young people to give heed to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in their hearts, that they might be prepared to take the places of those who had been, and of those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, so that there might be a succession of burden bearers raised up amongst them. I made several calls, and lodged at my friend, Josiah Wister's, who was very kind to me. I returned home Second-day morning the 17th instant. My soul did praise the Lord for the extension of his love and mercy unto me, poor and unworthy as I am.



First-day, Sixth Month 23rd.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia which was large. There were several short communications, which I thought might suffice. But I felt that there were some present who were slighting the day of their visitation, by neglecting to give heed to the witness for Truth secretly revealed in their own hearts. Such as these were exhorted to yield obedience to the in-speaking word whilst it was extended unto them in love and tender mercy, etc. I was upon my feet for some time, the Gospel flowing freely.

First-day, Seventh Month 21st.—Attended meeting at Pennsville. It was quite a large meeting for the place, and Friends seemed very glad to see me. It was a free, open time, the Gospel stream flowing freely and clearly. All were encouraged to give heed to that small in-speaking voice in the secret of the heart, even “that word which is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach, etc., but if we turned away from this word we might be left to grope our way as in the dark; but as we give heed to it we would grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord’s might, etc. The goodness, mercy, loving kindness and almighty power of our Father who is in Heaven were humbly acknowledged upon the bended knee, to whom all glory, honor, praise, salvation and high renown belong, not only now, but henceforth and forevermore. Amen!

Second-day, Seventh Month 22nd.—Spent most of the day very pleasantly with my dear friend, Edward Marshall, and his pleasant and kind family.

Third-day morning, Seventh Month 3rd.—William Parker, Ira Parker and his wife Rachel and myself left Pennsville at half-past five o’clock for the Elklands, and after a

very pleasant ride, we reached our friend, George Shill's, about half-past three o'clock.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 24th.—Was at the Monthly Meeting, which was well attended. In much weakness I was raised up to proclaim the Gospel in good authority and in a clear manner, to my humble admiration. Much tenderness was apparent and it did seem that Divine goodness and mercy were in our midst. Thanksgiving and living praises were offered up to our Father in Heaven, from whom all our blessings come.

Eighth Month 3rd.—Our Select Quarterly Meeting was held, which was a solemn time to me. Our friend, Abigail Hutchinson, was prostrated by the heat, or weakness, and lay during the time we transacted the business of the meeting. She revived and was taken home.

Eighth Month 9th.—Elton B. Gifford and myself went down to Tuckerton, N. J., in order to attend the funeral of Amos Ridgway, in his eighty-second year, a quiet-spirited man. He looked very peaceful and natural. He was a member of Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting. The company was not large, but very quiet and attentive to what was said. It did seem there was an ear to hear. A desire was felt and expressed upon the bended knee that our Heavenly Father would be pleased to draw the dear children nearer and nearer unto himself and lead them in the way He would have them go, etc. My soul did praise, glorify and magnify the name of our Father in Heaven!

Second-day, Eighth Month 12th.—Attended the funeral of our cousin, Martha C., wife of Edwin Stokes, a woman of much worth and highly esteemed. It was a solemn and satisfactory opportunity. There were several testimonies borne on this occasion which added to the solemnity. Some of us thought it was good to be there. I hope the tendering

impressions made upon some of the members of the family may not be forgotten.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 17th.—Went to Birdsboro, where James Lee met me and took me to his house in Exeter, where I was kindly cared for by him and his wife. Attended Exeter Meeting First-day, the eighteenth, which is very small, but two men Friends living within reasonable distance to attend, and perhaps six or eight women; but there were several strangers present to-day. There was to me a very precious covering spread over us.

Eighth Month 23rd.—I left home by the way of New York, for Bridgehampton, on Long Island, to spend a few days with my friends, Richard Esterbrook and family. A beautiful part of the country near the sea. Many large and expensive cottages, built by persons of New York city, are dotted over the island. Very pretty towns, drives and good roads made it very pleasant indeed. Visited Sag Harbor, East Hampton, Bridgehampton and South Hampton, all interesting. The weather was cool and bracing. I enjoyed it, and felt the better for it. As there was no meeting to attend on First-day, Eighth Month 25th, we spent the day quietly in reading and pleasant conversation, so that I hoped the day was not lost.

Eighth Month 30th.—I left my dear friends, with a feeling of love and thankfulness, a little before seven o'clock in the morning and arrived home about three o'clock in the afternoon, finding all pretty comfortable, for which favor I was thankful.

Third-day, Ninth Month 24th.—We had at our meeting to-day, three clergymen, so-called, two from our own city and one from St. Petersburg, Russia. They sat in a very becoming manner. There were several short communications, to which they listened with great attention. I thought

I felt constrained to bring to view the testimony of the Apostle, "For the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, say not in thy heart who shall ascend up into Heaven, that is to bring Christ down from above, or who shall descend into the deep, that is to bring up Christ again from the dead," etc., to the end of the eleventh verse, tenth chapter of Romans, from sixth to eleventh verse, inclusive, commenting largely upon "the Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach," etc. There was a great silence, and a solemn feeling spread over us, which was very striking. It being Monthly Meeting, there was not much opportunity of conversing with the strangers, but I learned as is said above. They expressed themselves well satisfied with the meeting. My very soul did praise the Lord!

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 12th.—Went over to Mark Buzby's, near Masonville, New Jersey.

First-day morning.—We all went to Evesham Meeting, which is small. After a long silence I stood upon my feet in much weakness, but life seemed to arise and the Gospel flowed freely, for some time. I desired they might be aroused to a sense of the responsibility which is resting upon them. Dined with David Darnell, after which I called on Sarah Evans, who was poorly, but very glad to see us. Then to Lydia and Amy Borton's to tea. Lodged at David Darnell's, and home Second-day morning Tenth Month 14th.

Second-day, Tenth Month 14th.—Attended the funeral of Joseph J. Walton.

Fourth-day, Tenth Month 16th.—Went down near Tuckerton, New Jersey, to attend the funeral of Jonathan Cox, aged nearly eighty-nine years. Joseph Scattergood, Elizabeth C. Dunn and myself, were engaged in testimony, I trust, to good satisfaction. I was glad to be there and was

well satisfied that I gave up to this little requiring, as it seemed to me. The children were very glad we were there, and my soul did praise the Lord.

First-day, Tenth Month 20th.—Went over to Camden, New Jersey. Attended Newton Meeting. Dined and spent the afternoon very pleasantly with Richard Esterbrook and family.

Third-day, Tenth Month 22nd.—At two o'clock in the afternoon Friends met at Twelfth Street Meeting-house in order to pay the last tribute of respect to our aged friend, Robert Parker, who died suddenly on the nineteenth instant, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. Several testimonies were borne to his meek and quiet spirit, endeavoring to do what he could to promote the blessed cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth.

Fourth-day, Tenth Month 23rd.—Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Wright to good satisfaction.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 25th.—Attended the funeral of Hannah W. Allen, in the thirty-fifth year of her age, daughter of John C. and Rebecca S. Allen. She was much beloved by very many Friends and a large company was present. It was a very solemn opportunity. Several testimonies were borne to her consistent, upright walk and conversation. I felt near and tender sympathy with the parents and children.

Fifth-day, Tenth Month 31st.—Went up to Mount Holly, New Jersey, to attend the funeral of Marmaduke S. Pancoast, who died very suddenly on Second-day, the twenty-eighth instant. He was a faithful attender of our religious meetings and a very conscientious Friend. He will be greatly missed from their little meeting. The way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed to a mixed, attentive

company. It was a solemn opportunity. I was glad I gave up to be there.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 2nd.—Our Quarterly Meeting for ministers and elders was held to pretty good satisfaction. John H. Dillingham and Edwin P. Sellew were acknowledged as ministers in our religious Society.

First-day, Eleventh Month 3rd.—I was raised up in our own meeting out of a very low place, with a word of comfort and cheer for some rightly-exercised, cast-down little ones, who at times were much discouraged, feeling they were heavily laden. They were encouraged to hold on their way, nothing doubting but the Lord in his own time would arise for their help, etc.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 4th, was our general Quarterly Meeting, which was large, a number of strangers being present. There was much speaking, perhaps some of which might have been spared without loss to the meeting. The much speaking in the present day is a cause of much anxiety and concern to many Friends up and down. More inward exercise and travail of soul is largely needed among us as a people in the present day. It was said there were sixteen communications this day. The business meeting was quite satisfactory.

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 14th.—Attended the marriage of Isaac L. Roberts and Mary E. Wilkins at Friends' meeting in Medford, New Jersey. The company was pretty large, but very quiet. The way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was largely proclaimed to a mixed, but a very attentive company. Our friend, Edward Sharpless, appeared in supplication and in testimony. My heart was filled with love and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for his mercy and goodness unto us. I returned home in the evening with a peaceful mind.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 18th.—Attended the funeral of my nephew, Nathaniel B. Stokes, at Germantown.

Third-day, Eleventh Month 19th.—Attended the funeral of George Strong, in Camden, N. J., who married a cousin of ours. It was a time of suffering to me, no settlement, and much said by an Episcopalian, which, seemed to me, did not avail much. I left the company, feeling sad and sorrowful.

Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 22nd.—Went over to Haddonfield to attend the funeral of our cousin, Abram Rogers, who had been a great sufferer for several years. The company was not large, but it was very quiet and satisfactory. Deborah Rhoads and myself were engaged in a harmonious exercise for the spiritual welfare and growth in the Truth as it is in Jesus of those present, in order that we might all be prepared for such an hour as this, which appeared to take hold of the minds of those present. It was a solemn and interesting opportunity.

Sixth-day, Twelfth Month 13th.—Attended the funeral of our friend, Mark Balderston, at Haddonfield, New Jersey, which was very large, and a very precious covering was spread over us for a time. He was zealous for the cause of Truth and was a particular friend of mine, and I miss him very much.

First-day, Twelfth Month 15th.—Attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which was very large and remarkably quiet and solemn, the Gospel flowed freely. There seemed to be an ear to hear, and I am sure some of us were truly thankful for the favor conferred upon us this day. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 28th.—I met Isaac Heacock at Reading, where we took a train and went to Jacob Parvin's and were kindly cared for by him and his children.

First-day morning, Twelfth Month 29th.—We went with them to Maiden Creek Meeting, where there were about thirteen of us met together for Divine worship. Six or seven of these belonged to that meeting. I earnestly desired to be preserved on every hand. A covering spread over us, which to me was very precious. After a time way opened to preach the Gospel, to my humble admiration and to the tendering of several minds. Thanksgiving and praise were offered up to our Father in Heaven. We dined at John Pearson's, his aged mother, sister and several others being present. In the afternoon we had a religious opportunity, which appeared satisfactory to all, to the humbling of our spirits. Isaac Heacock and myself then made a visit to Thomas Willitts and wife, to good satisfaction, then back to Jacob Parvin's. After tea we had a religious opportunity, several young men being present, which seemed to the comfort and satisfaction of all. On retiring for the night my very soul did praise the Lord for all his sure and tender mercies toward us. Returned home Second-day morning with an humble and thankful heart.

First-day, First Month 12th, 1890.—We had a good, solid meeting. I took some part in the vocal exercises of the meeting in relation to the spiritual teaching of our Holy Redeemer.

Second-day, Second Month 3rd, was our general Quarterly Meeting, which was disturbed by a person not in membership with us. But after a time the meeting settled down and life rose into some dominion. For more than two years my dear wife has been in very poor health, but sometimes able to go to the mountains in summer and attend meetings pretty regularly. She possessed great energy and a strong will. She attended our Quarterly Meeting in the Eleventh Month last, though she was very weak. I think



she was at meeting once afterward. In a few days after she was more poorly and for nine weeks we had a nurse. On Third-day, Second Month 4th, after meeting, I went directly home and found a very great change had taken place. She had said many comforting things from time to time, such as "I have no will in this matter," "I am willing to leave all in the hands of Him who sees the end from the beginning," "I feel that my sins are blotted out and my transgressions are washed away in the blood of the Lamb," "Do not hold me, do not hold me for the day breaketh," etc. In the afternoon she calmly bid me farewell and afterward bid our son, John C., farewell also, being entirely sensible to near the very last, when she breathed shorter and shorter, without emotion of any kind, so easily and quietly that we could not tell when she ceased to breathe. There was quite a large gathering at our meeting-house on Sixth-day, the seventh instant, from which her remains were taken to the Southwestern Burying Ground. Several very comforting testimonies and supplication were held forth in the meeting-house. And now, all my family have been called hence to be seen of men no more but my son and self. I feel that I have nothing to trust in but the mercy and goodness of my Heavenly Father. I desire to keep humble and low before Him. Many were the evidences to those about the dear departed one that she had, through adorable love and tender mercy, been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace.

First-day, Second Month 9th.—Went to our meeting, feeling poor and stripped, and much alone in the world, After much deep exercise and travail of spirit, I felt constrained to bow the knee before the Lord, and to plead with Him, that He, in the riches of his love and mercy, would be pleased to look down upon his humble, little, de-

pendent ones, with an eye of pity and tender compassion, and make their path plain before them, and enable them to walk therein, and preserve them on every hand. And O, gracious and holy Father, be thou pleased to draw us nearer and nearer unto thyself, that we may dwell more and more under the influence of thy holy Spirit.

First-day, Second Month 16th.—In company with Elizabeth Russell, attended the meeting at Pottstown, Pa., which is very small, eleven being present besides ourselves. A comfortable covering spread over us, and E. Russell appeared in supplication, after which I thought I had a word of encouragement and cheer to the faint and weary little ones, which appeared to tender some hearts. Then E. Russell spoke briefly. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting.

Dined at Margaret Lee's, where we had a religious opportunity with her and sister Jane, who was not able to be out, and niece, to satisfaction and comfort to us all. Returned home in the evening with a feeling of thankfulness for the favors of the day.

First-day, Third Month 2nd.—Went to our own meeting, under a feeling of much poverty of spirit, and great discouragement; and when I found our friend, Samuel F. Balderston was not present, I felt like giving out by the way; but by endeavoring to lie low before the Lord, under a deep sense of my own nothingness, He in the riches of his love and mercy, condescended to my low estate, and raised me up to proclaim his Gospel with good authority, to the relief and peace of my own mind. The meeting was very solemn indeed.

First-day, Third Month 9th.—Went to Woodbury, N. J., to see aunt Mary Ann Paul, who had been sick for some months, but was some better just now. She knew me, and we had a pleasant little opportunity together, and I

was glad to sit by her side. She seems to be waiting for the coming of her Lord.

I attended the little meeting there; after passing through much exercise and poverty of spirit, a little light sprang up and grew brighter, and it seemed best for me to stand before those who were present. They were exhorted to more faithfulness to the spirit of Truth manifested in the secret of the heart. I did not know to whom these words would apply, but they had been sounded in my mental ear again and again, "Thy day's work is not keeping pace with the day, and it might be well for us to go into an examination and endeavor to see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether our day's work is keeping pace with the day, yea or nay." We should be stirred up, even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure before we too are called hence to be seen of men no more.

First-day, Third Month 23rd.—Great indeed has been the poverty of my spirit for some days, so that it seemed to me the tender mercies of the Lord had all passed over, and I left to wander, as it were, in the wilderness, ready to faint and give out by the way. In this state of mind, I went to our meeting this morning, feeling stripped of all good, but endeavoring to be still, and looking steadily unto my Divine Lord and Master. After a time He opened my mouth with a testimony to his goodness, mercy, loving-kindness and Almighty power. Blessed, yea, blessed forever be his great and holy Name! After which, my peace flowed as a river.

Fourth-day, Fourth Month 9th.—Attended Haddonfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Newton, Camden, N. J. The meeting was pretty well attended, and a covering spread over us, which was encouraging to the rightly ex-

exercised, and under this feeling Richard Esterbrook spoke in a very feeling manner, which I trust had a good effect upon the meeting. Jonathan E. Rhoads attended our meeting, spoke at some length, which I hope had a good effect on some, at least. I have been silent for a number of meetings at home, until this afternoon, when it seemed to me a lively exercise went forth for the encouragement of some rightly exercised, travailing souls present.

Fourth Month 26th.—The Yearly Meeting and the meetings appertaining thereto, passed off with much satisfaction with the feeling that we had much to be thankful for.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

VISITS IN THE LIMITS OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS MEETING IN THE TWELFTH STREET MEETING-HOUSE, AT MEDFORD, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF EDWIN LIPPINCOTT, MEETINGS IN THE LIMITS OF MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE FUNERAL OF REBECCA S. ALLEN, OF GULIELMA W. GARRIGUES, OF SUSANNA STILES, OF AHAB LIPPINCOTT, OF MARY ANN PAUL, OF EDWIN STOKES, THE MEETING AT BEACH HAVEN, N. J.—VISITS THE HOME FOR INCURABLES—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF FRANKLIN HAINES, THE MEETING AT MALVERN, THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE W. BROWN, OF SARAH M. ALEXANDER, THE MEETING AT CHRISTIANNA, NEWTON MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING AT MOORESTOWN, N. J., THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, LONDON BRITAIN MEETING, BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA—VISITS THE HOME FOR INCURABLES—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF JOB RIDGWAY, HIS OWN MEETING, THE MEETING AT KENNETT SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VISITS AN AFFLICTED FAMILY—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF ACHSAH S. REEVE—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEET-

ING—ATTENDS THE FUNERAL OF JAMES WILLITS MOORE, OF EMILY A. DARNELL, THE YEARLY MEETING OF 1891, EASTON MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING IN THE TWELFTH STREET MEETING-HOUSE, THE FUNERAL OF JOSEPH SCHOLL, OF ANN H. ALLEN, THE MEETING AT WOODBURY, ORANGE STREET MEETING—VISITS IN THE LIMITS OF MUNCY MONTHLY MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING AT PLAINFIELD, N. J., THE FUNERAL OF MARTHA E. HILLMAN, HIS OWN MEETING, BURLINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, THE MEETING IN THE SELECT SCHOOL BUILDING—NOTICE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT MEDIA—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS THE MEETING AT HADDONFIELD, N. J., BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING, EVESHAM MEETING, THE MEETING AT BARNEGAT, N. J., THE MEETING AT THE SELECT SCHOOL, THE FUNERAL OF JOHN AIKEN, OF CATHARINE LA CONEY, OF HANNAH W. COOPER, OF AMY J. ROBERTS, HIS OWN MEETING, THE MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY, THE MEETING AT SELECT SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING—VISITS WESTTOWN BOARDING SCHOOL—CALLS ON A FRIEND UNDER BEREAVEMENT—ATTENDS HADDONFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS—RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN HIS OWN MEETING—ATTENDS CONCORD MONTHLY MEETING, THE MEETING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA—REMARKS ON THE CHARACTER AND RELIGIOUS EXERCISES OF JOHN S. STOKES—NOTICE OF HIS DEATH.

Fifth Month 8th, 1890. — I left home and arrived at Salem, Ohio, on the morning of the 9th. Dined at my friend, Joseph Fawcett's. Went to the Select Quarterly Meeting at two o'clock, which was small; but some well concerned Friends were among those assembled. The answers informed there was no recommended minister in either of the Monthly Meetings. This brought me under a deep exercise, and I felt to say it was doubtless because of unfaithfulness on the part of individuals or meetings, or it might

be both, that we had heard such answers to the second Query. I desired they would go into a critical examination in order that they might see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world where the fault rests, whether with individuals or meetings, for I did not believe our Heavenly Father was wanting, on his part.

Seventh-day, the 10th.—Attended the general Quarterly Meeting, which was pretty large, considering that the roads were very bad. The Gospel message flowed freely. Friends expressed much unity with what I said. I met with many dear Friends after meeting. In the afternoon went to Winona with Joseph Masters and wife, who have a nice family of children. I attended meeting there on First-day, the 11th, which is large, and way opened to proclaim the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration; my cup overflowed. Thanksgiving and praise were offered, upon the bended knee, to the Father of all our tender and sure mercies. Our hearts were touched with the love of our Heavenly Father. After we shook hands to break the meeting, no one moved for quite a little space of time, which caused a very solemn feeling to spread over us. My soul did praise the Lord for his mercy to me this day.

Dined at John Oliphant's with several other Friends, after which we had a religious opportunity to good satisfaction. Took tea with Barclay Stratton and wife, with other Friends, which was very pleasant to me. Then to Finley Hutton's to lodge. He and his wife made me very comfortable.

Second-day morning, the 12th, Finley Hutton took me to Salem, and after making a call on my cousin, Betsey Garwood, took a train for New Brighton, where I lodged at my nephew, Samuel Thomas'.

Third-day, the 13th inst.—Took a train from Rochester to Martin's Ferry.—Dined at Juliann Hoyle's and had a nice visit. Then her grandson, Ellis W. Negus, took me to Coleraine, where I was made very comfortable by Jacob Maule and his wife.

Fourth-day morning Martha Russell took me to my nephew, Robert Thomas' to dine, after which Robert took Martha and myself to Select Meeting, which was very small. After meeting, went to my brother-in-law, Edward Thomas', who married my sister, Beulah Ann. We were mutually glad to see each other, not having had the privilege for near seven years.

Fifth-day, the fifteenth of Fifth Month.—Attended Short Creek Quarterly Meeting, held at Harrisville, which was pretty large, no one but myself in the station of a minister. I was upon my feet for some time, the Gospel flowing, and sometimes in much plainness, exhorting to more of an inward, religious exercise, and travail of soul, for our own spiritual welfare and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus, and for the welfare of the Church, &c.

The business of the meeting was performed in a very orderly manner; I was glad to be there. Dined at Mary Hall's, and had the opportunity of seeing a number of my beloved friends, to my own comfort. Then returned to my brother and sister's, which was very pleasant to us all.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 17th.—In the afternoon, my nephew, Robert Thomas called for me and took me to his house, where I was made very comfortable by his wife and family.

First-day morning, Fifth Month 18th.—My nephew, with his wife and two children, took me to Colerain in time for meeting, which was quite large. We sat long in silence then Jacob Maule appeared in a very solemn supplication.

This seemed to open my way for service, and I was on my feet for some time. A very solemn covering spread over the meeting, and much tenderness was apparent, so that my cup ran over, to the praise, glory and honor of our Heavenly Father.

Dined with Israel Steer's, a nice family and a pleasant visit. Took tea with Martha Russell and some other Friends. Spent the evening at Jacob Maule's, quite a number of young Friends being present. To some of us it was an interesting, and I trust, a profitable evening.

Second-day morning, Fifth Month 19th.—Martha Russell took me over to Wheeling, where I took cars for Barnesville, arrived about twelve o'clock, went direct to my friend Asa Garretson's, which was my object in going to Barnesville; found him very feeble indeed, but very glad to see me, as I was to see him. It was a pleasant, but very tendering visit.

Third-day, Fifth Month 20th.—Visited the school, and made some pleasant calls. Lodged at William Stanton's, and on Fourth-day, twenty-first of Fifth Month, attended Stillwater Monthly Meeting to very good satisfaction. It was a free, open time, and I was glad to be there, and had the opportunity of seeing many of my dear friends. Dined with Aaron Frame, who took me to see dear Asa Garretson. In near and tender love we took leave of each other, in the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ. Thence to Samuel Walton's, who went with me to the train about eleven o'clock at night, and I arrived about half-past six o'clock the next day to an empty, lonely home; my feelings were sad indeed, but felt that I had so much to be thankful for in this, my little journey, that my heart was filled with gratitude and love to my Heavenly Father for all his sure and tender mercies.



On Sixth-day, the twenty-third of Fifth Month, my son, our friend, Hettie Haines, and our girl, were at home, and all glad to see each other. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

First-day, Sixth Month 15th.—At our own meeting. Several strangers present; one who had never attended a Friends' meeting before. All of our ministers were absent but myself, and I felt poor and needy; but after a time of deep exercise I was raised up to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration, and to the comfort of some at least, and among these, one who had never attended a Friends' meeting before. When I heard of these things, my heart was filled with love and gratitude to my Heavenly Father for all his tender mercies toward me.

Sixth Month 29th.—Attended meeting at Twelfth Street in the evening. There were several communications, and I spoke among others. It seemed to me there was some one or more whose faith was closely tried and deeply proven, and who was almost ready to faint and give out by the way. These were encouraged to hold on their way, nothing doubting but the Lord would in his own time and way arise for their help. My soul did praise the Lord, and my peace flowed as a river!

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 5th.—I went up to John Stokes', near Medford, N. J., and from there to Benjamin Wilkin's to lodge. These were very pleasant visits.

First-day morning, Seventh Month 6th.—Went to meeting in much poverty of spirit, but after much deep and heartfelt exercise, I was raised up to proclaim the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Dined with cousin Isaac W. Stokes and wife, whose brother, Edwin Lippincott, was very sick, with whom I had a very comfortable opportunity. Made several pleas-

ant calls, and lodged with my cousin Charles Stokes; and home Second-day morning, Seventh Month 7th, and trust I felt the reward of sweet peace.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 16th.—Attended the funeral of Edwin Lippincott, whom I was with about ten days since, and it seemed to me the Master was carrying on his own work. The funeral was large, quiet and sad. The way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was proclaimed among the people, who were very attentive and solid in their deportment. It was a solemn season. He was a first cousin of mine—a man of uprightness.

Seventh Month 19th.—Went up to Muncy, or Pennsdale, to my friend, Ira J. and Rachel F. Parker's. Attended their meeting on First-day, the twentieth, which was large. The Gospel was largely proclaimed, to the tendering of many hearts, and to the peace of my own mind. All praise belongs to our Father in Heaven! It was thought to be a favored season. Made some calls to good satisfaction. Friends were very kind and attentive to my comfort.

Second-day afternoon, the twenty-first.—We went several miles toward the Elklands. Stayed all night at Ira Parker's factory, situated in the mountains. Third-day morning, the twenty-second, we started again for the Elklands, arriving at John Brown's about twelve o'clock. After dinner, Ira J. Parker and myself went to see two Friends, who had violated the rules of our Discipline, and did not seem disposed to make any acknowledgment. I thought I would like to see them, and went for that purpose. After much conversation upon the subject, in love and tenderness, they cheerfully complied with our request, in making suitable acknowledgments, which were read in the Monthly Meeting, Fourth-day, Seventh Month 23rd, and fully united with, they

retaining their rights of membership, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Monthly Meeting proved to be a time of favor, for which we were thankful. Thus ended a trouble which had existed among them for many months. Our hearts were filled with love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his tender mercies toward us, poor and unworthy as we are. Dined at George Schill's, whose wife was poorly. Then went to Eaglesmere to lodge. Had a pleasant visit with John Kirk and his nice family. Fifth-day, returned to Pennsdale. Made some calls on Sixth-day, and home on Seventh-day, Seventh Month 26th, with my heart filled with love to my Heavenly Father for his continued love and mercy toward me.

Second-day, Eighth Month 4th, was our general Quarterly Meeting. E. R. Evans spoke for some time; some others also, and while there was no great abounding, there was an evidence that we are not a forsaken people. Yet we need more humility and spiritual discernment. Attended the funeral of Rebecca S., wife of John C. Allen, which was large. E. R. Evans spoke at some length.

Third-day, Eighth Month 5th.—Attended the funeral of Gulielma, wife of William H. Garrigues, and had some little service, to the comfort of some and to my own peace.

Second-day, Eighth Month 11th.—Attended the funeral of Susanna Stiles, near Easton, N. J., which was a solemn season, the Gospel flowing freely.

Fifth-day, Eighth Month 14th.—Attended the funeral of Ahab Lippincott, at Cooper's Point, N. J. This was also a very solemn opportunity. The way of life and salvation was clearly set forth. The members of the family manifested much heartfelt sorrow on account of the death of husband and father. Felt it was good for me to be there.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 16th.—Attended the funeral

of Mary Ann Paul, of Woodbury, N. J., which proved to be a very satisfactory occasion. In all of these gatherings, our Heavenly Father condescended, in the riches of his love and mercy, to be near his humble, trusting, dependent little ones.

Third-day, Eighth Month 19th.—Attended the funeral of cousin Edwin Stokes, of Woodbury, N. J. There were several communications, and it was thought to be a favored and satisfactory opportunity.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 23rd.—Went down to Beach Haven, N. J., to meet my cousins, Isaac C. and Mary K. Stokes, who were there by appointment of Burlington Quarterly Meeting, in order to attend the meeting on First-day, the twenty-fourth of Eighth Month, which we did attend. About fifty persons assembled, who were very quiet and sat in an orderly manner. Isaac C. appeared in a sweet supplication in the forepart of the meeting. After a time, I made some remarks upon the importance of silent, spiritual worship, that God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, etc. Then desiring that we might all become more and more acquainted with the spirituality of that religion which was ushered into the world by the coming, suffering, crucifixion, ascension and second appearance, without sin unto salvation, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Gospel flowed freely.

In the afternoon of First-day, Eighth Month 31st, went to the Home for Incurables. There were about seventy-one patients in the home, suffering from different causes—some with spinal and heart affections, others with rheumatism and other complaints. It was very interesting to see them so cheerful and bright under their suffering. They appear to be nicely and kindly cared for, everything clean

and in good order. A considerable number were gathered together in a large room, where a chapter in the Bible was read. After a pause, Joseph Elkinton spoke at some length; then some others spoke; then I felt to express my sympathy and love for the dear sufferers, encouraging them to draw near to, and put their whole trust and confidence in the Lord, for in the Lord Jehovah there is everlasting strength, etc. I felt it was good for us to be there—Elton B. and Mary Gifford, Hettie Haines, Mary Smith, Joseph Elkinton and myself. My spirit did bless and praise the Lord for the extension of his goodness, mercy and love unto us this day.

Ninth Month 26th.—For several weeks I have felt very poor and stripped of all that seemed good, and even went mourning and sorrowing on my way Zionward, fearing my Divine Lord and Master had cast me off for ever. But blessed for ever be his great and holy Name!

At the funeral of Franklin Haines, Ninth Month 22nd, a relative of mine; and after a woman belonging to those called Hicksites had spoken, a very unsatisfactory and unscriptural communication, my Heavenly Father was pleased to raise me up to proclaim the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration, and to the comfort of some who were present.

First-day, Tenth Month 5th.—I went out to Malvern to make a little visit to my nephew, Levi Thomas, and attend meeting there. Had felt very poor and stripped for most of the time for several weeks, and hence felt going to Malvern Meeting very much indeed, and thought that I never could open my mouth in meeting again. After taking my seat, and endeavoring to put my whole trust and confidence in my Divine Lord and Master, a little light sprang

up, and enlarged, so that I was dipped into near and tender sympathy with some exercised, travailing soul, or souls, who, I believed, were in that meeting; and in much weakness and fear, I stood upon my feet and said: "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, or speakest, O Israel, my way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the Lord, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding; He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength," and on to the end of the text. I was on my feet some time, then appeared in supplication, all to my relief and peace. Much tenderness was apparent. My spirit was bowed down under a renewed sense of the Lord's goodness and tender mercy unto us this day.

Third-day, Tenth Month 7th.—Attended the funeral of our friend, George W. Brown, from our meeting-house, Sixth and Noble Streets.

Sixth-day, Tenth Month 10th.—Attended the funeral of Sarah M. Alexander, from the same house; both members of our meeting. Thus we are passing away, and I feel that it is important to know of the day's work keeping pace with the day, so we may be prepared for the solemn change that awaits us all.

Seventh-day, Tenth Month 11th.—Went up to Christiana, to my friend, William Moore's, whose father was buried Fifth-day, Tenth Month 2nd, 1890; he, Walker Moore, sat head of the meeting, which is very small. He was a man of a meek, quiet spirit, and a good example to surrounding beholders.

I attended their meeting on First-day, the twelfth of Tenth Month. A few persons were present who were not

members, and it proved to be a time of special favor, much tenderness and great solemnity were spread over us, con-triting our hearts. The Gospel flowed freely and supplica-tion was offered, upon the bended knee, to the Father of all of our sure mercies. I trust it will not be forgotten by some of us very soon. Called on several families, to my own comfort and satisfaction. Returned home in the evening, with my heart filled with thanksgiving and praise to the Lord God and the Lamb.

First-day, Tenth Month 19th.—Went over to Newton Meeting, which is very small, but it seemed to me the wing of ancient goodness was spread over us to the tendering of our hearts. I had a word of encouragement to the hunger-ing, thirsting, poor and needy little ones, to the peace of my own mind, and to the comfort of some others. Richard Esterbrook spoke very encouragingly. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting. I dined very pleasantly with Richard Esterbrook and family; took tea with my sister-in-law, Amy J. Brooks.

Second-day, Eleventh Month 3rd.—Our general Quar-terly Meeting was held, which to me was a trying time. Some seem to feel, or act, as though their time was “always ready.” There was much said, in both meetings, which seemed to me might have been spared. Some of us left the meeting in sadness and much discouragement, but with the hope that we might be enabled to put our whole trust and confidence in the Lord, who doeth all things well!

Eleventh Month 8th.—Went over to Moorestown, N. J., called at Elizabeth Borton’s and sisters; Sarah Borton in her chamber, having been quite sick for eighteen weeks, is now able to sit up some each day. Lodged at John Rob-erts’, whose wife is one of the Borton sisters.

First-day morning, the ninth, called on Henry Roberts,

who has been sick for several months. I think the call was comforting to us both. Then went to meeting, which is large, and a number of valuable Friends belong thereto. But some, it seemed to me, need to lie lower, and dig deeper, that they might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Gospel flowed pretty freely for some time, to the relief and peace of my own mind, for which favor I was truly thankful.

Dined with my young friends, Isaac and Mary Roberts, to good satisfaction. Then, John Roberts calling for me, we went to Grace Williams', a member of our meeting. Being on a visit to her grandchildren, she fell and broke her hip, and hence is unable to walk; but they brought her into the parlor in her wheeled chair. She was very bright and cheery, and we had a very sweet and satisfactory opportunity together. I believe we were mutually glad to see each other, and it did us both good. Then called on our aged Friend, Hannah Warrington, very pleasantly, and after calling on our young friends, Morris Linton and wife, returned to John Roberts' to tea, after which I returned home, with a peaceful and thankful heart.

Eleventh Month 20th.—Went out to Clarkson Moore's, at West Grove, where I was kindly cared for, and on Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 21st, attended Western Quarterly Meeting, which was large, and much was said. It seemed to me the meeting was hurt by the frequent speaking of some.

Eleventh Month 30th.—Attended meeting in West Philadelphia, silent on my part. There seemed much good in the meeting, but more silence might have been profitable. In the afternoon went to the Home for Incurables, a very interesting Institution, where we may learn much from the patients, because of their cheerfulness and resignation under



affliction and suffering, and so thankful for the privileges and comforts they enjoy. A meeting was held after the manner of Friends, to good satisfaction, and visits made to some who were not able to be at the meeting. We left the dear afflicted ones, with hearts filled with love to our Heavenly Father, under a deep sense of his goodness, mercy and loving kindness unto us, and feeling truly thankful that He had provided a way for his humble little children, and prepared them to become preachers of righteousness, by their consistent, patient suffering, and thankfulness to their Heavenly Father for all his tender mercies toward them.

Twelfth Month 6th.—Went down to Barnegat, N. J.

First-day, Twelfth Month 7th.—Attended meeting, which was larger than usual because of a number coming in who were not members. I thought I never felt more poverty stricken and destitute of all good than on this occasion, but my Heavenly Father was pleased to raise me up to proclaim the way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration.

Second-day, Twelfth Month 8th.—Went on to Tuckerton, in order to attend the funeral of Job Ridgway, who was kicked by a horse and died in less than two days afterward. He was very quiet and unassuming in his manner, and thought to be a very correct, upright man. The funeral took place at the meeting-house, where a goodly number of relatives and Friends met to pay the last tribute of respect to him who was so unexpectedly called from works to rewards. It was thought to be a solemn occasion, and while it might seem that words were not needed to add to the solemnity, yet how true it is that we know not what a day may bring forth, was brought to view, as well as the importance of having our day's work to keep pace with the day. This sad event should be the means, if needs be, of

stirring us up, even to the doubling of our diligence in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence to be seen of men no more, etc. Returned home Second-day eve with the reward of peace, but much poverty of spirit is my portion of latter time. O Lord, cast me not off in time of old age, but be pleased to draw me nearer and nearer to thyself, preserve me as in the very hollow of thy Divine and Holy Hand!

First-day, Twelfth Month 28th. — Our friend, Samuel Emlen, attended our meeting to-day, and gave us a clear and, I thought, searching testimony, causing us to feel our many shortcomings and our disposition to defer until to-morrow what should be done to-day; dealing very plainly with us because of our unfaithfulness to manifested duty, etc. The meeting was solemn, and I arose with these words, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;" dear Friends, do not let us outlive the day of our visitation. A precious covering was spread over us. Many of our hearts were tendered under a sense of our Heavenly Father's goodness and mercy.

Seventh-day, First Month 24th, 1891. — Went out to Kennett Square, in order to attend their little meeting on First-day, the twenty-fifth; was nicely cared for by John Balderston and wife; Robert L. Walter taking me in his carriage. A severe storm of wind, rain and snow on Seventh-day night and First-day morning made it difficult to get about. The meeting was not so large as usual, but rather solid, and to pretty good satisfaction. I was glad to meet with the few Friends there, and trust the meeting was held to some profit. I was on my feet for some time, exhorting and encouraging those present to earnestness and faithfulness in the discharge of all their religious duties, etc. Then upon the bended knee craved that the Father of all

our sure mercies, might condescend to be with those who meet to worship Him in that place! Dined at F. Wickersham's very pleasantly, and after tea returned home, feeling a hope the day had not been lost.

Second-day, Second Month 2nd, our general Quarterly Meeting was held, which was trying because of the much speaking; meeting was long, with very little silence, which causes much anxiety and concern to some of us.

Third Month 12th.—Dined at Joshua Hillman's, who has three sisters, two of whom are, and have been, confined to their beds for a long time. I felt much sympathy for them, and we had a little religious opportunity together. With a peaceful feeling resting upon my spirit, returned in the evening.

Fifth-day, Third Month 19th.—Attended the funeral of our aged and beloved friend, Achsah Reeve, a member of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, N. J. She was in her ninety-third year, of a cheerful disposition, very kind and hospitable to her friends and strangers. Ruth S. Abbott spoke at some length, and I also spoke. She was of a meek and humble spirit, and we trust has been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace.

First-day, Third Month 22nd.—A Friend from England at our meeting appeared in supplication before the meeting was settled, and then was upon her feet, speaking a long time, but I could not follow her. Toward the close of the meeting, I thought I felt constrained to bring to our view the importance of silently waiting upon God, in order to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, that we might be brought to experience a renewal of our spiritual strength, Alas, alas, for our Quakerism! Efforts are being largely made to lay waste our doctrines and testimonies, even by those who are in profession with us!

Third Month 30th.—Attended the funeral of James Willets Moore, son of Martha Moore, in the twenty-third year of his age. The funeral was very quiet and very satisfactory. There were several communications. They attended our meeting, but their certificates were still in Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting, New Jersey.

Fourth-day, Fourth Month 8th.—Attended the funeral of Emily A., daughter of Charles and Lydia Darnell, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, in the twenty-sixth year of her age. She was very bright and cheery, with a heart filled with kindness toward others. Several testimonies were borne at the house, of her worth in various ways; and it was believed that, by the mercy of God, through Christ Jesus, she had been safely gathered into everlasting rest and peace. The body was then taken to Medford Meeting-house, where there was much speaking. The remains were laid in the burying-ground near the meeting-house. I felt well satisfied in giving up to what seemed to be my duty in attending the funeral of this dear young woman, who had been so very kind to me at all times.

Very many have been my baptisms and low seasons since the above was written, but a little ray of light was at times permitted in tender love and mercy.

Fourth Month 25th.—Our general Yearly Meeting is past, and many of us feel we have much to be very thankful for. The Head of the Church did seem to own us at times in a very touching manner, so that our hearts were tendered and softened in the fear and love of the Lord, and living praises were offered unto Him from many hearts.

Seventh-day, Fifth Month 9th.—Went over to Stacy Stiles' brother and sisters; four of them at home. Their mother died last Eighth Month; they still feel it very much. They seem to be very united, and manifest much

love for each other. They were very kind and affectionate to me.

First-day, Fifth Month 10th.—We all attended Easton Meeting, New Jersey. Quite a number of members and others assembled, and after a long silence I was raised up to proclaim the way of life and salvation, by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to my humble admiration, and to the tendering of many hearts. It did seem to be a time of renewed favor; and my soul did bless and praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness unto us this day. Dined at Ezra Engle's, and took tea at my nephew, Christopher Jones', with some other Friends, and returned home in the evening, with the feeling of sweet peace.

First-day, Fifth Month 24th.—In company with Barclay and Hannah Stratton, from Ohio (Hannah being in the station of a minister), attended the meeting in West Philadelphia, which proved to be a time of favor, the Gospel message flowing freely, to the tendering of many hearts. We attended the meeting at Twelfth Street in the evening, to good satisfaction; after which we all returned to our house.

Second-day, Fifth Month 25th.—Barclay and Hannah Stratton, with Hettie Haines in company, left in order to attend New England Yearly Meeting, and its smaller meetings.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 20th.—Went up to Burlington in order to attend the funeral of Joseph Scholl. The sitting at the house and at the meeting-house were both very satisfactory. I was glad to be there, and it seemed a comfort to the widow and children. Joseph was an honest, upright man. Then took the cars for Columbus. Lodged at Ann Satterthwaite's, and attended meeting at Mansfield, First-day, Sixth Month 21st, which was much larger than

usual. We sat some time in what seemed a very solemn silence, when it seemed right for me to stand upon my feet, and the Gospel flowed freely to a very attentive, quiet company, tendering many of our hearts. After which, thanksgiving and praise were offered to the God and Father of all our sure mercies, for his loving kindness to us this day. Called on a sick Friend and several others, to good satisfaction. Returned home Second-day, the twenty-second of Sixth Month, feeling calm and peaceful.

Seventh Month 2nd.—Attended the funeral of Ann H. Allen, in the city. Though not a member, she was careful to attend our meetings, when able to do so. She was of a humble, quiet spirit.

First-day, Seventh Month 5th.—Went over to Woodbury, N. J. Attended meeting there, which is small, but there are some rightly exercised Friends. After a time of solemn silence and humble waiting upon the Lord, way opened to proclaim the Gospel; and among the many things that were said, the query was put: "Is there not cause for us all to be stirred up, even to the doubling of our diligence, in making our calling and election sure, before we too are called hence to be seen of men no more?" etc. It was a free, open time, to the tendering of some minds. After a solemn season, thanksgiving and praise, upon the bended knee, were offered up to the Father of all our sure mercies. Made some pleasant calls, and returned home in the evening, feeling well satisfied in giving up to apprehended duty.

Seventh Month 12th.—At Orange Street Meeting in the afternoon, which was small; but it was felt to be a good, solid meeting. It seemed to me there were those present who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. To such as these a word of encouragement was extended, and

a solemn covering was spread over the meeting, much to our comfort.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 15th.—Went up to Morris Masters', Millville, Pa. Attended meeting at Greenwood, Fifth-day, Seventh Month 16th, to good satisfaction. The Gospel flowed freely, to the tendering of many Friends.

Sixth-day, the seventeenth.—Jesse Heacock took me to William Winner's, near Pennsdale, Pa. Seventh-day, made some calls on E. Marshall and others, to my own comfort and satisfaction.

First-day, Seventh Month 19th.—Attended meeting at Pennsdale, which was large for the place. Edward Marshall appeared in what seemed to me a solemn supplication. After a time of solemn silence, I spoke at some length, to my humble admiration, and the tendering of many hearts, after which, I felt constrained to bow the knee, in humble prostration of soul, before the Lord, under a renewed sense of his goodness, mercy and love to us this day. Made some calls in the afternoon.

Second-day, Seventh Month 20th.—In company with Ira Parker and wife, and brother William Parker, we went toward the Elklands as far as Ira's factory, in the mountains. Third-day, Seventh Month 21st, we reached our friend, John Brown's, before dinner; then to Joseph Mac-Carty's to lodge. He being very poorly, I was glad to be there.

Fourth-day, Seventh Month 22nd.—I attended the Monthly Meeting at the Elklands, which was large and thought to be a time of favor. The Gospel flowed freely, and many minds were tendered, but I feared the life did not rise into dominion as at some other times; yet there was much to be thankful for. I made some calls. The twenty-third, went to Eaglesmere; and Sixth-day, the

twenty-fourth, went down to Pennsdale. Lodged at Ira Parker's, after making some calls.

Seventh-day, Seventh Month 25th.—Ira Parker and wife took me over to Muncy station, where I took the cars, arriving home in the evening about half-past eight o'clock, feeling thankful to my Heavenly Father for all of his tender mercies toward me.

First-day, Eighth Month 9th.—The meeting in West Philadelphia this morning was thought to be a time of renewed favor. After a long silence and deep exercise I was raised upon my feet with the testimony of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well, etc.

Seventh-day, Eighth Month 22nd.—Went up to Plainfield, N. J., in order to make a little visit to Richard Esterbrook and wife, who were spending the summer at that place.

First-day, Eighth Month 23rd.—Attended the small meeting held at that place. I think there were about ten of us altogether. Richard spoke at some length and I followed. There was a good feeling spread over us. I returned home Second-day morning, Eighth Month 24th, feeling satisfied with my little outing, though very warm.

Third-day, Eighth Month 25th.—Attended the funeral of our dear cousin, Martha E. Hillman, to good satisfaction. She was a patient sufferer for more than forty years, a good example of uprightness and Christian simplicity.

First-day, Eighth Month 30th.—Attended our own meeting, which was very small, but some of us thought it was a good, solid meeting, and my soul did praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy unto us.

Third-day, Ninth Month 1st.—Attended Burlington Quarterly Meeting, which is very small, because of removals and deaths, very few young Friends to come for-



ward in the maintenance of our doctrines and testimonies. It was thought to be a good, solid meeting. Elizabeth C. Dunn, who had recently buried her husband, Philip P. Dunn, broke the silence of the meeting in solemn supplication. After a time of solemn silence I spoke upon the importance of laboring after true and living faith, even that faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart, desiring the young people present to remember that it was by faith that Moses, when he came to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season, etc.

First-day, Ninth Month 6th.—The meeting in West Philadelphia was thought to be a good, solid opportunity, though very little was said. Hannah Arnott spoke briefly. It was silent on my part and on the part of some others. It is not always necessary to have preaching in order to have a good meeting. I often fear there is too much speaking in the present day, and my desire is to be preserved therefrom. The cry of my heart often is, Preserve me, O Lord, as in the very hollow of thy Divine and holy hand.

Ninth Month 16th.—Attended the first meeting held at the Select School, Sixteenth and Cherry Streets. About two hundred children present, with the School and Quarterly Meetings' Committee. There was a feeling of responsibility spread over us, which seemed to me to be good for us to remember. The meeting was held to pretty good satisfaction.

For many years, in the schools under the care of the Monthly Meetings in the city of Philadelphia, the children have been in the habit of attending on Fifth-days the meeting for worship held in the house on Arch Street, from which their school buildings were not far distant. After

new buildings had been erected near Sixteenth and Cherry, on a part of the block of ground before used for interments, the distance was so great to Fourth and Arch Streets that it was not thought expedient to require the children to make the journey. In view of the difficulties that presented, the committee in charge recommended that a meeting for worship be held in the school building on every Fourth-day morning, to be attended by all the students and officers of the institution, and by a committee of the meetings. This proposition was agreed to, and it was one of these meetings of which J. S. Stokes speaks in this place.

Fourth-day, Ninth Month 23d.—Attended the meeting at Select School. It was very interesting to see so many children, near two hundred, sitting so quietly together for the purpose of Divine worship. I made some remarks upon the importance of spiritual worship, bringing to view the testimony of our Holy Redeemer to the woman of Samaria, at Jacob's well, when He said: "The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth," etc.

First-day, Tenth Month 4th.—Went out to Media in company with Hetty Haines, and attended meeting. Under a deep sense of my own inability to do any good thing, a precious covering spread over us and, after a time of silence, way opened to hand a word of encouragement to those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for it seemed to me there were such present, and as they continued the exercise in living faith they would be made partakers of that living bread which cometh down from God out of heaven and which alone can nourish up the soul into everlasting life, etc. Then my mind was turned toward the dear young people, desiring they might be willing now,

in the morning of their day, to deny themselves, take up the cross and follow Christ in the way He would have them go, that they might be fitted and prepared to take the places of those who had been, and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, that there might be a succession of those who are not ashamed to confess our Holy Redeemer before men. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Third-day, Tenth Month 20th.—I had a lively testimony to the young school children, that our Holy Redeemer condescended to teach very small children what they should do, and what they should leave undone, and without Him we could do nothing; but as we were obedient unto Him, He would lead and guide us into all Truth, and we should grow stronger and stronger in the power of the Lord's might, etc.; and my spirit was humbled, under a sense of the Lord's goodness unto me this day.

First-day, Tenth Month 25th.—Our beloved friend, Samuel F. Balderston, was much favored in testimony in our meeting this morning, after which I felt constrained upon the bended knee to return thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father.

First-day, Eleventh Month 8th.—Attended meeting at Haddonfield, N. J., to very good satisfaction, the Gospel message flowing freely, to the relief and peace of my own mind. But it seems to me there are too many of us who are disposed to settle down in a state of ease and lukewarmness, deferring until to-morrow what should be done to-day. The young people were exhorted to more faithfulness in the discharge of their religious duties, that they might be prepared by the hand of the Lord to take the places of those

who had been, and those who must ere long be removed from works to rewards, etc.

Then went to see my cousin, Sarah Hillman, who is suffering from cancer, and other causes, and not likely to continue in the body much longer. She appeared to be in a very calm, quiet state of mind, patient and resigned, trusting in the mercy, love and goodness of her Heavenly Father. It was a comfort to be with her, and other members of the family. Returned home in the evening, with a hope the day had been in good measure properly spent. My heart did thank and praise my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy unto me this day.

Fifth-day, Eleventh Month 26th. — Attended Bucks Quarterly Meeting, which is small. It was thought to be a good, solid opportunity, the Gospel flowing freely; the rightly exercised were encouraged to hold on their way Zionward, not doubting but the Lord would in his time and way arise for their help, etc. The indifferent and lukewarm were earnestly desired to examine themselves in order that they might see in that light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, whether their day's work was keeping pace with the day, yea or nay, etc.

Seventh-day, Eleventh Month 28th.—Went up to my friend, Mark Buzby's; went to Evesham Meeting with them on First-day, Eleventh Month 29th, which is very small, and it seemed to me there was need of more religious, heartfelt exercise and travail of spirit for their own spiritual welfare and growth in the ever blessed Truth as it is in Jesus. They were exhorted to more faithfulness in all of their religious duties; the Gospel flowing freely, to the tendering of some minds. There was a word of comfort and cheer to the rightly exercised. Made a call on a Friend who had buried a brother a few days before. Then returned to

my friend, David Darnell's to lodge, and then home Second-day morning. I felt thankful that this little visit had been made.

Twelfth Month 12th.—Went down to Barnegat to pay a little visit to my cousins, Robert and B. B. Stokes; attended their meeting on First-day, the 13th inst. There are but few of our Society living in this place; but others coming in we had a large meeting, the house being filled. It was a time of favor, the Gospel flowing freely. The way of life and salvation by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was largely proclaimed amongst them, to the tendering of many minds. Thanksgiving and praise were offered upon the bended knee to the Father of all our sure mercies, blessed forever be his great and holy Name!

Returned home Second-day morning; made several very interesting calls Seventh and First-days, one to a woman in her ninety-second year, very bright and clear upon religious subjects. It did my heart good to be with her.

Twelfth Month 16th, Fourth-day.—Attended the meeting at Select School, which to me was a precious opportunity, near two hundred children being present; not very much said in the way of ministry.

Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 19th.—Attended the funeral of John Aitken, near Malvern, Chester County, Pa. He was a consistent Friend and highly esteemed. I felt it was good to be there. There were several short communications.

Third-day, Twelfth Month 22nd.—Attended the funeral of Catharine Laconey, a consistent member of Haddonfield Monthly and Newton Particular Meeting of Friends; a Friend of great integrity and uprightness, Richard Esterbrook and myself had some service. She had lived in the family of Isaac Jones for many years, and since his death with other members of the family, and lastly with Amy

Brooks, formerly Jones, from whose house she was buried, in the eighty-eighth year of her age.

Third-day, Twelfth Month 29th.—Attended the funeral of Hannah W. Cooper, wife of Charles, at Newton Meeting-house, N. J. Several short communications were satisfactory.

Fifth-day, Twelfth Month 31st.—Attended the funeral of my niece, Amy S. Roberts, from Amy Brook's, Camden, N. J., which was large and solemn. Samuel Emlen, Joseph S. Elkinton and myself, had some vocal service, which was thought to be very applicable to the occasion; interment at Newton, N. J. On these several occasions our Heavenly Father was pleased to be with us, tendering our hearts and contriting our spirits. All praise belongeth unto Him and to Him only.

First-day, First Month 3rd, 1892. — Attended our own meeting, which was small, quite a number of our members being absent on account of sickness themselves or in their families. To me it was a good, solid meeting, and after much exercise, I stood upon my feet with these words: "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge, and He will be the refuge of all those who put their whole trust and confidence in Him."

First-day, First Month 17th.—Attended the meeting at Atlantic City; about forty persons present. A very precious covering spread over us, and the way of life and salvation was largely proclaimed by and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But I feared the Truth or power did not rise into dominion as at some other times. But it was thought to be a good, solid meeting.

Fourth-day, First Month 27th.—Attended the meeting

at Select School. It seemed to me our Father who is in Heaven condescended, in his love and mercy, to be with us, filling our hearts, in some measure, with his love.

Second-day, Second Month 1st.—Our general Quarterly Meeting was held to pretty good satisfaction, though it was very trying to have so many *different views expressed on very important subjects*. A great need of harmonious action.

Third-day, Third Month 15th.—Called on a woman who had buried her husband a few days before. She seemed calm and resigned. It was good for me to be there.

Fifth-day, Third Month 17th.—Attended Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting, held at Haddonfield, N. J. Several spoke, and I also. The Gospel message flowed freely. Take it altogether it was thought to be a good, solid meeting, for which favor, I trust, some of us were truly thankful to our Heavenly Father. After meeting I went to see my dear cousin, Sarah Hillman, who is suffering from cancer. She seems in a quiet, peaceful, trusting state of mind, so that it was pleasant and instructive to be with her in her affliction. It seemed to me her Divine Lord and Master was near to strengthen and support her in the hour of trial and weakness. I was glad of the opportunity of being with her.

Sixth-day, Third Month 18th.—Our Meeting for Sufferings was held this day, which was a time of favor. Many of our hearts were tendered. Memorials, or testimonies, were read, concerning Abigail Hutchinson and Rebecca S. Allen, of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, and Hannah Warrington and David Roberts and Rachel, his wife, of Chester Monthly Meeting, Moorestown, N. J.

First-day, Third Month 20th.—At our own meeting, and after a long communication, I felt to revive this declaration: "The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart who shall ascend into heaven,

that is to bring Christ down from above; or who shall descend into the deep, that is to bring up Christ again from the dead; but what saith it? the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach, that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." I endeavored to impress upon our minds the importance of giving heed to this in-speaking word, which would lead and guide us into all Truth, etc.

Third-day, Third Month 29th. — Attended Concord Monthly Meeting, to pretty good satisfaction. The few Friends present were encouraged to a faithful discharge of all their religious duties whilst time and opportunity was given us. I felt well satisfied in being with them. About twenty members were present. Dined at Alexander Scott's, whose wife, Sarah, does not get to meeting, whom I had desired for some time to see. She was much better than I expected to see her, very cheerful, bright, and I believe we were very glad to see each other. The visit was a very pleasant one to me, and returning home in the evening, a feeling prevailed that the day had not been spent in vain. For which favor I was truly thankful to my Heavenly Father.

First-day, Fourth Month 3rd.—The meeting in West Philadelphia was large and was thought to be a good, solid meeting. There were several short communications, and I threw in my mite, the Gospel flowing freely. After meeting, went to the Shelter for Colored Orphans, which was very interesting. I thought the children in their recitations and



deportment did credit to themselves, their teachers and care takers. My soul did praise the Lord for his goodness to us this day.

The reader who has perused the previous memoranda will probably have noticed some of the characteristic traits of the writer. Prominent among these was his sympathizing disposition. This was shown by his numerous visits to those under trial, and by his very frequent attendance at funerals, where he was often led to endeavor to comfort the mourners—a service for which he was well qualified. He was a man of sensitive disposition, on whom the trials of life (which we must all meet with) pressed with unusual keenness. And like other ministers of the Gospel, he had many humbling dispensations to pass through, to prepare him to preach the Gospel to others. To these he often alludes. A marked feature in his ministry was the frequency with which he was led to unfold the way of salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; fully recognizing the benefits we receive through his personal appearance in the flesh, his sufferings and labors, and death on the cross; and also enforcing the necessity of that faith which is manifested by obedience to the guidance and teachings of his holy Spirit in the heart of man. He was careful not to ignore either of these two essential elements in full salvation.

The memorandum dated Fourth Month 3rd, 1892, was the last which has been found. His health failed soon after this date, and after an illness of five weeks, he died on the twenty-eighth of Fifth Month, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He was, during his illness, a bright example of patience and Christian resignation, saying frequently, Not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. Not long before his death he spoke beautifully to those about him, quoting the words of the Psalmist: "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."













